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Official visit from the president —

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

(Media pool coverage from the Sacramento Bee contributed to this report).

Saturday was Earth Day, and what better spot for the President of the United States to help honor the earth than West Sacramento?

President George W. Bush spent a few hours here in a brief visit to the California Fuel Cell Partnership on Industrial Blvd., where he made comments in support of a search for alternative energy sources, in this era of rising gas prices and uncertain oil supplies.

The "Marine One" presidential helicopter touched down at the California Highway Patrol Academy in northern West Sacramento at 2 p.m., and the president began his city visit with remarks at the academy congratulating the Iraqi people for selecting a prime minister and reaching "an important milestone in their journey on democracy."

A 25-vehicle motorcade then drove to the fuel cell partnership on Industrial Blvd., where thousands of people, both spectators and demonstrators, lined the street. The largest group of protestors occupied an area not visible from the motorcade.

The director of the hydrogen-power facility, Catherine Dunwoody, led the president on a tour, showing him a massive hydrogen fuel tank and helping him inspect a zero emission, fuel cell hybrid electric bus. Bush also saw how hydrogen-powered vehicles are refueled. When the president asked her if there has been "appreciable change" in the performance of hydrogen fuel cells, Dunwoody answered that "there's definitely been improvements," and "a few years ago, these cars were in laboratories."

The president made a statement including comments promoting alternative energies, and left for Sacramento International Airpot, where Air Force One took him to the skies just before 4 p.m.

There was at least one incident during the visit: A 38-year old resident of West Sacramento's Maple Street was arrested for an alleged bomb hoax near the fuel cell facility. Suspect Arturo Rodriguez Solorio was seen by officers placing a dark backpack "on the center median of Beacon Boulevard near Industrial Boulevard," said Lt. Dave Farmer of the West Sacramento Police Department.

"He walked over and placed the object in the center median, and when (officers) motioned for him not to do it, he took off."

But Solorio was detained and the bomb squad sent in a robot to examine the backpack left behind.

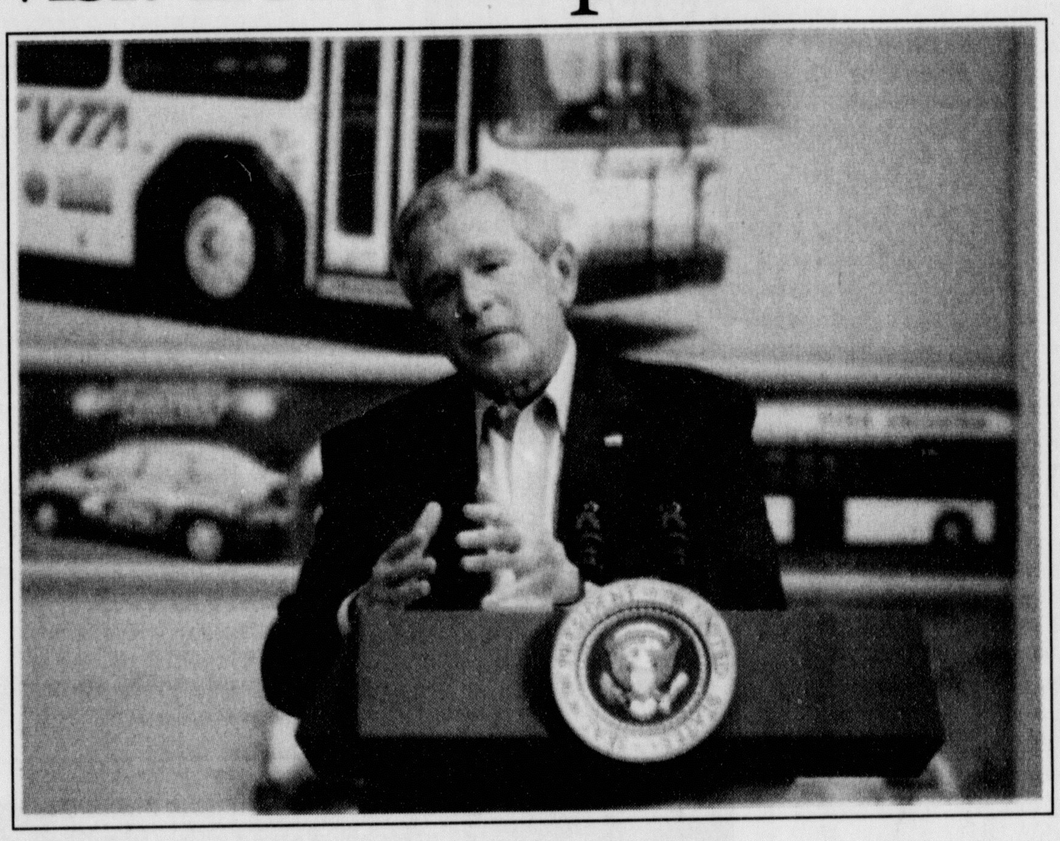
"They don't just walk up and get it," said Farmer. "They did some work with a robot and X-rays. The X-rays showed what appeared to be some wires and dense objects, and it could very well have been an explosive device. They did an 'explosive water disruption,' which opened up the whole thing. That's when they saw electrical junction boxes, wires, PVC pipes and other suspicious things. Once they were able to visually examine it, they were able to determine that there were no explosives present."

But the suspect had been seen by officers, and "that's how they identified him later.

The incident happened at about 2:47 p.m., while Bush was nearby. But it didn't affect the president's schedule, said Farmer.

Surrounding jurisdictions helped West Sacramento police and the Secret Service provide security. Local costs of the security weren't yet known, said Farmer.

The trip to the fuel cell center marked the first visit to West Sacramento of a sitting U.S. president in at least several decades – and possibly ever.



TOP: The president addresses visitors to a West Sacramento hydrogen fuel research facility.
News-Ledger photo by Barry Blacklaw

ABOVE: Some of the protestors near Industrial Boulevard
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RIGHT: The president and 'Marine One' on the tarmac at West Sacramento's CHP Academy
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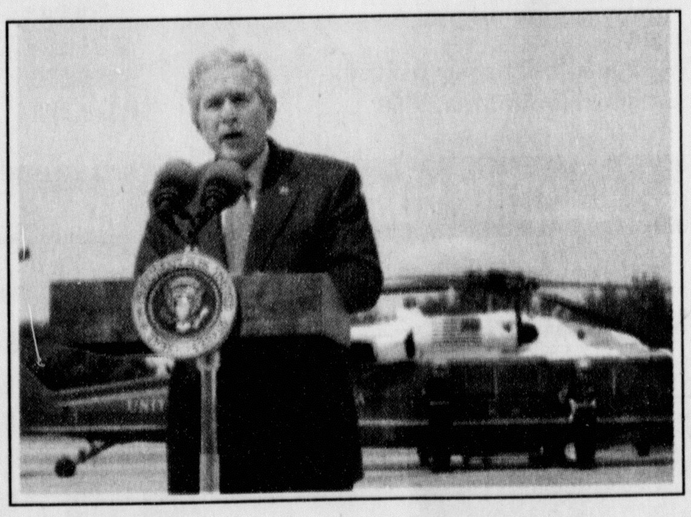

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PG&E versus SMUD

The debate between PG&E and SMUD continued last week in West Sacramento.

The PG&E-backed "Coalition for Reliable and Affordable Electricity" held a rally at the home of former West Sacramento mayor Ray Jones, arguing that switching the city's electrical service from PG&E to the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District "could lead to a rate increase, not a reduction." A press release from the group claimed that an analysis by SMUD of the costs and benefits "miscalculated costs by hundreds of millions of dollars."

Meanwhile, the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce announced last week that its board of directors had voted to endorse the switch to SMUD.

"The cost and reliability of electrical power plays an important part of a business's decision (to come to or stay in the city)," said Chamber President John Leonard. "The SMUD annexation will place West Sacramento on a more equal footing with Sacramento and other cities in our region."

SMUD is proposing a single county-wide vote about the switch in electrical service – the region's city councils and the board of supervisors have already okayed the change.

PG&E is pushing for a "jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction" vote – a move supported by former mayor Jones and the Coalition.

West Sacramento's city government believes that switching from the privately-owned PG&E to the publicly-run SMUD will bring lower electrical rates. Gas service is not part of the planned change.

Winning recyclers —

Here's the winning kindergarten class from Westmore Oaks — Mrs. Marquez is the teacher. Westmore Oaks participated in Project Redirectory and brought in 3000 lbs of telephone books for recycling. As a result, Westmore Oaks School was presented with a check for $250.00 and this particular class bringing in 357 telephone books was rewarded with an ice cream party. The project was a cooperative effort with SBC/AT&T and the City of West Sacramento.

Local levee sites added —

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis) today applauded the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for adding an erosion site along the Sacramento River in West Sacramento to their emergency levee repair list. The Department is also working on including two additional sites from Cache Creek. Wolk had written Governor Schwarzenegger and the Department last month requesting the levee be added to the list the Governor had created after his emergency flood declaration.

"This is great news," said Wolk. "The Department is listening. The Governor is listening."

High school paper

This week's edition of the News-Ledger contains a four-page copy of the River City High School "Review" newspaper. The paper is written and assembled solely by the journalism class at RCHS led by instructor Rose Penrose. The News-Ledger serves as production sponsor for the high school newspaper, and prints and distributes it as a community service.

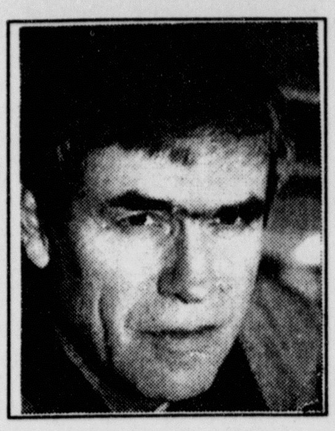
The "Review" appears about once a month during the school year.

This week's News-Ledger also contains another irregular special feature for the second week in a row: the use of "full color" in some news photos.

Full color is still not a standard feature for the newspaper, and you will see good old-fashioned black-and-white again soon. But color will be used whenever possible. Thanks for the positive feedback on this colorful trend.

-- Editor Steve Marschke

Want lots of money? Don't have kids



My Back Pages

By Daryl Fisher

I recently ran across an interesting newspaper article explaining how families can put a plug in the constant money drain of everyday life. The article suggested such things as paying your bills online instead of using snail mail (saving approximately $70 a year on stamps); not eating out while on vacation (saving a family of four more than $70 a day); running full loads when using washing machines and dishwashers, taking shorter showers, and also turning off the tap while you're brushing your teeth or shaving (saving approximately $200 a year on your hot water bill); and making sure the cell-phone plan you have actually meets your needs because most subscribers end up using only 64 percent of the minutes they pay for (potentially saving a family hundreds of dollars a year).

Anyway, all good ideas, but as I read the article, I couldn't help but notice that it had left out the one area where all the really big bucks can be saved and I was reminded of the following column, which first appeared in the News-Ledger more than a decade ago:

I recently E-mailed the following inter-family memo to my wife's computer station at her place of employment, knowing that she tends to think a lot more clearly at work than she does at home, and that it might also be best if I wasn't nearby when she read it:

Dear Mary. As I'm sure you're aware, the cost of everything seems to be going sky-high! Our food bill has been going right through the roof, the car insurance premiums are up above $400 a month now that we have three kids driving, and we'll have another son starting college come next September. With those and all the many other expenses our children have been generating lately, I think it's time that we seriously discussed downsizing the family.

First, the animals. As you know, for the past few years I've been taking that darn rabbit of your daughter's out of his cage and leaving him in the backyard for the night in hope that he might hop away or that one of those huge rats that are always running back and forth on the telephone wires might swoop down and eat him, but so far no luck. I therefore suggest you give Carrie a call and inform her that if she doesn't come and get Boogie and house him in her own apartment, we're going to fry him up and have him for Easter dinner. Secondly, as much as I love Mikey, something just has to be done to find him a new home. We've spent hundreds of dollars on vet bills trying to get him to stop itching, and nothing has worked. Like most cocker spaniels, he has attached himself to one person -- me -- and everywhere I go, he and his fleas follow. I combed a couple of them out of my hair yesterday, and admit it, if that had been you, Mikey would have been history. I therefore suggest that we try to con John and Sally Lucas into taking him. They both have a soft spot for all creatures great and small and they also have a whole herd of dogs out there where they live in Clarksburg, and what would a few more fleas matter to them?

Now, about your relatives. I know they only come down from Oregon a couple of times a year, but when they do, they come in waves, and it costs us a small fortune to feed them. Do you really think it's necessary to always serve them full course meals three times a day while they're here? And couldn't we just tactfully suggest they visit only every other year? I mean, it's not like seeing me twice a year is going to make your mother like me any better anyway.

Finally, there's all these bloody kids of ours. Although I think we can both pat ourselves on the back for finally getting Carrie out of the house a few weeks before her 21st birthday, she still seems to be an expense which won't go away. She continues to pop in for dinner a couple of times a week and is always in need of some extra spending money and a handful of quarters to feed her meter down at work. And if she wrecks another car, we may all be at the mercy of the Cheaper Car Insurance Company.

And what about all these boys of ours? I mean, who has three sons nowadays? No one! I therefore suggest the following:

We keep Paul, because he looks and acts the most like me, but we ask Greg and Kathe Potnick, who truly like Ty, to consider letting him live over at their house a couple of days a week. He listens to their advice more than he does ours and he's always over there hanging out with Jason and Aaron anyway, so it would probably just be a matter of asking nicely. I mean, who wouldn't want to spend part of each week over at the mayor's house?

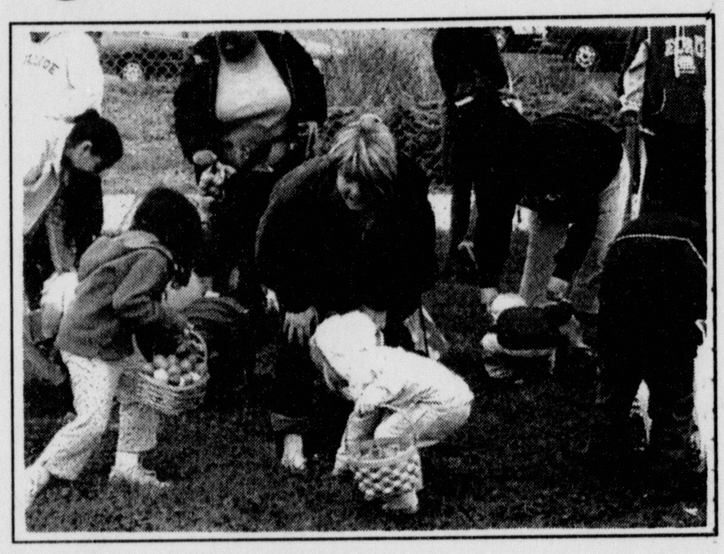
And I'm sure Bob and Linda Bianchi would gladly take Kyle off our hands on the weekends. I mean, they've more or less raised him anyway, and you know that Kyle much prefers to be next door at the Bianchi's playing with Anthony than he does staying at home where his big brothers pick on him constantly. Plus our assortment of video games can't even compare to theirs, so I'm sure if you ask Kyle, he'd take the Bianchi's over us any day.

The truth is, Mary, we've got some difficult financial decisions to make as we get older. Family management is a tough, bottom-line business these days. Just a few unexpected orthodontic costs and we could be in a big hurt. And what if the boys ever need brand new tennis shoes all a once? The only ones they'll be caught dead with around their friends cost about a $100 now! And God help us if they all start taking daily showers -- our PG&E bill will be downright scary!

Anyway, I have much more to say on the subject, so please get back to me as soon as possible. We definitely need to talk about all this. -- -- *Daryl*

Dear Daryl. I have just finished reading your memo. Be advised that I have the perfect solution to downsizing our family by 1/6th. Details to follow when I get home. -- *Mary*

Rite of spring



The Affiliated Masonic Organizations of West Sacramento braved the cool breeze and rain on April 15 to host their annual Easter egg hunt at Southport Elementary School. More than 100 little ones came to seek out the eggs and there were also games to play, a merry-go-round ride, hot dogs to eat, and a child identification and finger printing program.

Members from the local Scepter Masonic Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, DeMolay and Jobs Daughters participated in hosting this annual community outreach event.

Several West Sacramento churches and other organizations hosted other "egg hunts" elsewhere in the city for Easter.

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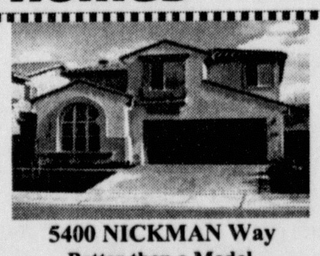

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New books at library

By Elise McCallan
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The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"The Book of NO: 250 Ways to Say It - And Mean It and Stop People-Pleasing Forever" by Susan Newman, Ph.D.

"Julie & Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Kitchen" by Julie Powell.

"While They're at War: The True Stories of American Families on the Homefront" by Kristin Henderson.

"Vegan With a Vengeance: Over 150 Delicious, Cheap, Animal-Free Recipes That Rock" by Isa Chandra Moskowitz.

"Not Buying It: My Year Without Shopping" by Judith Levine.

Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

OBITUARY

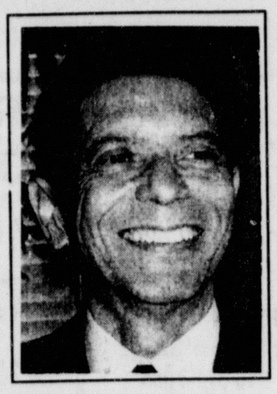
Gordon Francis Polhemus

Gordon Polhemus was born on January 4, 1952 in Lamar, California, and passed away on March 27, 2006 in West Sacramento. He was a landscaper by profession and had been residing in West Sacramento for only three weeks at the time of his death. He is survived by two sisters and three children and his ashes were returned to his daughter. Arrangements were handled by the North Sacramento Funeral Home.

SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa



By Richard Novoa

What is it with media people digging into the private lives of famous people or star athletes? Tom Cruise and his famous wife can't have a baby in private without the nosy paparazzi or the sleazy tabloids following their every move. It's unbelievable what these people have to endure to live their lives in peace.

In the sports world a reporter from Yahoo.com (web site) started digging into the life of Heisman Trophy winner, Reggie Bush's parents. The NCAA is now looking into the home that his parents were leasing in San Diego from a rumored man who was looking to recruit Bush as his client for his new marketing firm. Bush, who is the number one lock in the NFL draft this week, didn't sign but the consequences may ripple down to his Alma Mater at USC. The big question is did he in fact violation any NCAA rules? If so, will he have to return the most coveted award in college football or will the team have to forfeit the 35 consecutive wins? Stay tuned to your favorite media outlet for the dramatic conclusion!

While I'm in the mood, let's talk about the NBA in regards to suspending Ron Artest for an elbow to Manu Ginobili during the Kings playoff slaughter at the hands of the Spurs. Ok, I'll admit he did elbow Ginobili but it wasn't so bad to justify a one game playoff suspension. Ginobili drew blood with his slap to Artest's face earlier in the game but of course the referee's missed that foul. I guess Ron Ron's reputation will follow him for the rest of his career in the NBA, but one playoff game without pay!

Kings Korner

OK, the Kings got spanked in San Antonio on Sunday even though it wasn't a surprise they lost, but what was a shock was the margin of victory by the Spurs that made it hard to shallow. The Kings can still turn this series around but they may be forced to win a game on the road without their team leader.

The Kings were embarrassed 122-88 by the Spurs on national TV because they were out hustled, out rebounded, and out everything but it's hard to beat a great team than shoots 70 percent from the field in the first half. Sacramento State College could beat a pro team by swishing 7 out of every 10 shots they take! Ok, let's give credit were credit is due -the Spurs played a perfect game!

The Spurs also had there way around the basket all day long with easy lay ups and the Kings made their pesky little guard Tony Parker look like the best player in the world especially after he scored 21 points in the first half. It didn't help that Kings center Brad Miller had only one rebound in the game!

Also, it didn't help that Artest predicted a first round playoff win over the top seeded Spurs but maybe it could help the Kings rally around their newest star. Artest talks the talk but what's more important his that he walks the walk. It will be interesting see how the Sacramento adjust their team strategy when they return home to host Game 3 on Friday (7 p.m.) night and Game 4 on Sunday (7 p.m.). Must win TWO!

Major League Baseball

The Giants are stilling hanging around in first place while the Oakland A's continue to struggle a little bit on the road but are only 2 games out of first. Mr. Bonds finally hit his first home run of the season but it's Moises Alou who's getting fat batting behind Bonds. Alou is making the teams pay for walking Barry. Alou is just crushing the ball with 5 HR's and 17 RBI and the Giants have scored 18 runs after the 11 intentional passes given to Mr. Bonds.

On the other side of the bay Eric Chavez is also getting fat batting behind Frank Thomas. Chavez also has 17 runs batted in with 8 home runs and has put himself in the A's record books with the most HR's by a third baseman. He passed Sal Bando all-time franchise record with his 192nd home run.

Boxing

Sacramento boxing fans got what they paid for last Friday night at the Arco Arena with another outstanding "Golden Boy" Promotions night of boxing. Matchmaker, Don Chargin, really out did himself this time with an evenly matched card, loaded with local boxing talent that included three brothers fighting on the same card.

The main event was the "bout of the night" that featured Rogelio Castaneda 3rd defense of his International Boxing Association belt and what a show the IBA light-welterweight champion exhibited. Rogelio Castaneda not only retained his IBA title, he also put on a boxing clinic against his archrival Craig Weber of Ohio.

Castaneda (22-10-3) thrilled the local crowd of 3,718 with a stunning fourth round TKO

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Raider Roundup

By Troy Turner

Varsity Boys Baseball

The varsity boys team at River City High School won the two games they played against Highland High last week. The boys jumped out to an early 2-1 lead and shut out the Scots the rest of the way, winning 7-1. Later in the week, the two teams met again, with the Raiders winning 6-0.

They are currently holding second place in the CVC conference with a 5-1 record. This week, they face Foothill twice.

Girls Varsity Softball

The girls' program did not have a good week.

They first faced Foothill High, losing 2-1. They had a chance to tie the game in the last inning, but came up short. The next day they faced the league-leading Vanden Vikings and lost 4-0. They then played the Rio Linda Knights. The score was tied 2-2 after three innings. Rio Linda scored two runs in the fourth inning and held on for the 4-2 win. This week, the girls will play Center and Foothill High.

Girls Varsity Soccer

The girls' soccer team only played one game last week, against Rio Linda. The game was exciting, but neither team could score and the game ended in a 0-0 tie. This week, they play Highlands High.

Boys Golf

The golf team split two matches last week. Against Center High, RCHS lost 271-238 (low score wins). Several days later, the team faced Foothill at the Cherry Island Golf Course, winning 282-291. This week, they face Vanden and Highlands High.

Swim Team

The RCHS swim team faced the Rio Linda Knights last week in one of the last meets before the league championships. The boys' team lost 98-66, but the girls team easily won by a score of 102-59.

RC tennis team suffers first loss

From River City High

The River City High School tennis team suffered its first defeat of the 2006 season, falling 6 to 3 to Vanden.

John Shofner won 6-1,6-4 in the #2 boys singles position for

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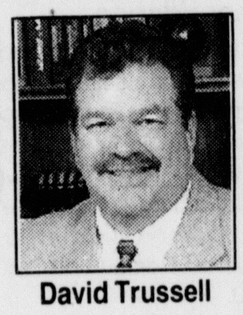

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David Trussell

With the advent of so many loans available these days, it is hard to imagine what it was like just a few short years ago.

When my lenders would fax me their rate sheets for the day it was no more than two pages of rates. They basically were traditional loans, 5-10-15% down conventional loans, Jumbo loans (but very few people went to that section because there were an extremely limited amount of families who could afford those homes), government loans, (FHA and VA), some adjustable rate mortgages, some seconds; and that was really about it.

Today however my lenders don't fax anymore, they e-mail them because on average they are over 7 pages full of all types of loans. Usually Conventional loans are at the top, but after that, there's every loan imaginable; Jumbos are pretty much the common loan these days, (Jumbo loans are above $417,000), there are very few FHA and VA loans these days because these loans have loan limits and in this region (Sacramento and Yolo) and those loan limits top out at $362,000 [for FHA], then the property has to qualify as well, and there are a few other deterrents that have depressed the Government loans.

So we are now left with all other loans; and the most popular loans are those that are not required to prove income, "Stated Income", and there are loans that not only make documenting your income necessary, but your assets don't even have to be documented (""No Income, No Asset, NINA). Now there are hundreds of combinations of these loans to mold a loan around your specific needs: interest only, adjustable rate mortgage, 100% loan to values – pretty much everything you could imagine is probably available. Credit challenged, go em'; bankruptcy; got em'; foreclosure, got em'; notice of default got em'; no money down, got lots of those; 40 year loans, got em'.

The Rest of the Story is that the old days were great, but today we have so many more options. My advice is to call and see if there is a loan product for you. In many, many cases there probably is...Call us anytime to see if we can match you a loan that fits your needs.

— DAVID TRUSSELL

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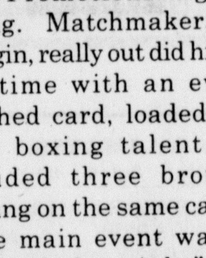

by Chris Richcreek

1. In 2005, New York Yankees pitcher Randy Johnson allowed the most home runs in a season for his career (32). What had been his previous high?
2. How many 20-win seasons did Bob Gibson have for the St. Louis Cardinals?
3. How many times has the Tennessee Volunteers football team lost to Kentucky, South Carolina and Vanderbilt combined since Phil Fulmer became the head coach before the 1993 season?
4. Name the last team to lead the NBA in scoring during the regular season and go on to win the NBA title.
5. Who did Denver beat in the final of the 2005 Division I Frozen Four men's hockey championships?
6. Name the last two U.S. men's figure skaters to win gold medals.
7. When golfer Tiger Woods won the Dubai Desert Classic in February, how may career victories did it give him in events that count toward the European PGA Tour schedule?

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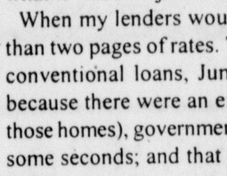

2698 Meadowlark Circle
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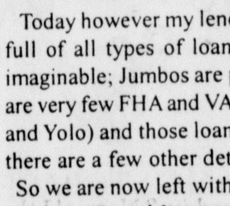
The best of the best! Gorgeous 4bdrm/2ba home built in 2004. Owner spared no expense when it cam to upgrades. Tile entry, upgraded countertops, plantation shutters. Located on a quiet corner lot with must see landscaping. Too many extras to list!
Chris Palamidessi 916-834-7003



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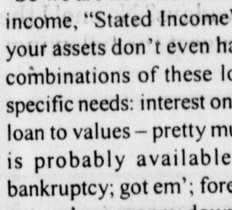

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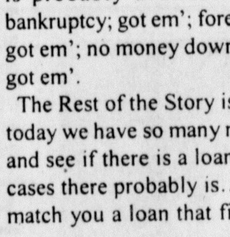

2328 Cottage Way
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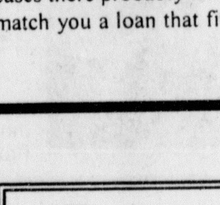

2656 Independence Ave
$284,900
Sparkling Halfplex! All the works been done in this 2/1.5 halfplex in southport. New flooring, new light fixtures, new faucets, fresh paint throughout. Nicely landscaped, private backyard with patio overhang & dog run.
Chris Palamidessi 834-7003

129 Touchstone Place
$282,500
New carpet, vinyl & custom paint highlight this wonderful 3 bed, 2.5 bath condo with built in cabinets, brick fireplace, dual pane windows, wood deck, 2-car garage & all appliances included! Two pools, tennis & RV parking too!
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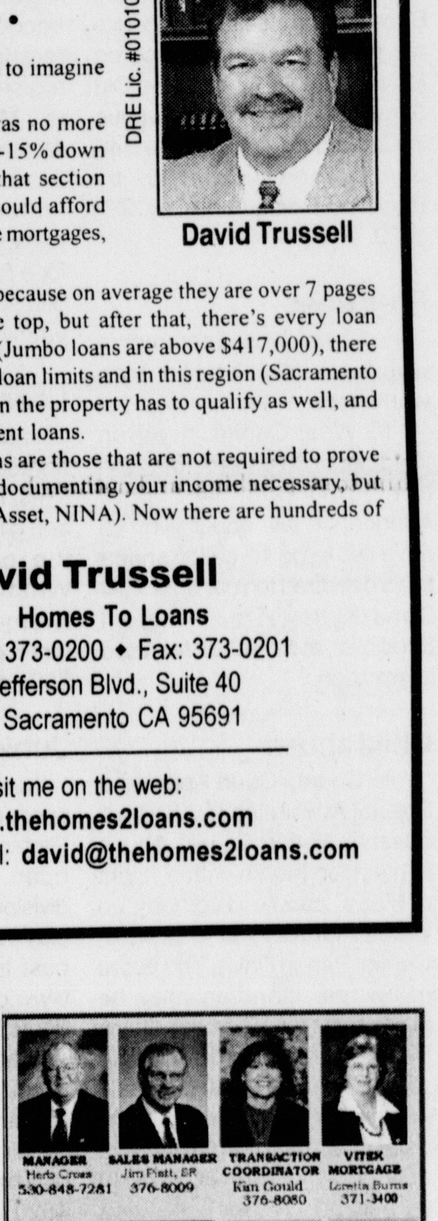

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RC, but teammates Jordan Balluch, Vu Tran, and Yelena Ionova all fell in straight sets. In doubles play, the Raiders received wins from Ou Saejao and Brandon Yip (10-2 at #1 boys) and Michael Soto and Sandy Phouanglasy (10-8 in mixed). However, Andrea Kaine and Anna Bouttavong, and Koy Saetern and Kristina Michener, and Adrian Araza and Kehoua Saechao all lost their matches.

"The kids and I are extremely disappointed with the result from the Vanden match and we'd obviously much rather still be alone in first place instead of ties with them," said Raider coach Dave Brooks, "but we just couldn't finish the job. However, I was pleased with the way we regained our focus two days later at Dixon."

Indeed, RC shut out the Rams 9 to 0 to improve to 14 and 1 overall. Tran and Ionova led the way for the Raiders in the girls singles matches, and Balluch and Shofner won their boys singles contests. In doubles, Saejao and Yip, Araza and Saechao, Bouttavong and Koy Saetern, Cindy Yang and Yian Saetern, and Soto and Kaine were also winners.

River City hosts Foothill today in a make-up match before playing them again at Natomas Racquet Club tomorrow. Both matches start at 4 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, four boys and four girls will represent RC at the Quincy Invitational Tournament. And next week the Raiders host two more matches that were rained out earlier when Bear River (Monday at 3:30 p.m.) and Rio Linda (Tuesday at 4 p.m.) come to West Sacramento.

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college life. The West Sacramento Parks Department will provide transportation. Limited to 50 students. Call the parks department, 617-4620.

Jazz!

The 'Syncopating Sea Monkeys' jazz band of River City High School will play at an event also featuring dancing, a silent auction and refreshments, from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Tickets are $15 and proceeds benefit the band. Call Band Director Felicia Alleger, 375-7800 ext. 340.

Dinner/dance

The Delta High School Ag Boosters and Heavenly Boosters are hosting a dinner/dance on May 6, from 6-11 p.m. at the Old Sugar Mill, 35265 Willow Avenue in Clarksburg. Tickets are $40 per person. Catered by Buckhorn Restaurant. Call 373-1679.

Free trees

The City of West Sacramento will host free shade tree workshops at the civic center (1110 West Capitol Ave.) on Wed., April 26 & Wed., May 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Attendance will qualify you to have two large 15-gallon shade trees delivered to your door. Call Dena Kirtley, Tree Program Specialist, at 617-4629 for more information.

Child abuse

Yolo County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will observe National Child Abuse Prevention Month with a "Light of Hope" candle ceremony on Wed., April 26, at 8 p.m. at Central Park in Davis. The public is invited. Candles may be purchased for $2 at the Davis Farmers Market during the proceeding week, with proceeds supporting the CASA program helping abused, neglected and abandoned children. Call (530) 661-4200 or visit www.yolocasa.org.

Bunco fundraiser

A bunco night gaming fundraiser is scheduled for Sat., April 29, beginning at 6 p.m. at Holy Cross School's cafeteria (800 Todhunter Avenue, near Sacramento Ave.) to benefit Holy Cross School. $25 donation includes dinner provided by Holy Cross Altar Society. Call 371-1313 or 868-7820 for tickets, or email nildamsh@gmail.com.

College fair

UC Davis will host a college fair, with representatives from over a hundred two year and four-year colleges and universities on hand. The fair will take place on Sunday/Monday April 30-May 1 at the UC Davis Pavilion, Activities and Recreation Center, from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday and 9 a.m. to noon on Monday. No charge for admission. Parking is free on Sunday and $6 on Monday. For information and directions, visit http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/wacac or call (530) 752-3710.

Register to vote

West Sacramento City Clerk Kryss Rankin reports that she is directed by the city council to encourage local residents to register to vote. The last day to register for the June 6 election is May 22, but Rankin recommends registering by May 8 to ensure you get your voters' materials on time. Visit www.ss.ca.gov or any city office for a registration form. Any voter can apply to vote by mail, or can vote at a local polling place.

Learn to skate

Skateboard pro Ron Allen and his team will hold a three-day skateboarding camp for boys and girls age 7-14 on July 5-7 at the park at the corner of Westacre Road and Evergreen. Learn tricks, stunts, techniques and safety. Cost is $50 per person. Call 617-4620.

Junior Giants baseball

Junior Giants Baseball is sponsored by the San Francisco Giants Community Fund, and is open to boys and girls (four divisions) age 5-14. Co-ed teams play a seven-game schedule. No cost to you. Register through www.cityofwestsacramento.org (look for parks department) or visit the department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Online registration closes May 26 and player evaluation is May 31, with play beginning June 24. Call 617-4620 for more information.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Those who study such matters say that granite conducts sound faster than air does — 10 times faster, in fact.

• It might be said that would-be assassin Arthur Smith, a former policeman, got what was coming to him. A friend paid Smith to murder his (the friend's, not Smith's) ex-wife, Rita Quam, who lived in Edwards, Colo. Unfortunately for Smith, an asthmatic, he failed to take into account the fact that the town of Edwards, in the Rocky Mountains, is at an elevation of 7,500 feet. The thin mountain air caused Smith to have an asthma attack, and his wheezing was so severe that he missed when he tried to shoot the woman. Still committed to fulfilling his end of the bargain, Smith tried to bludgeon Quam to death with a rock. The exertion proved to be too much for him: He died of an asthma-induced coronary.

Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• "Make sure that you keep track of what items in your house have a warranty that you purchased from the store. I recently had our washer serviced and came across an extended-warranty plan that we purchased six years ago, when it was new. I had totally forgotten about it, and I paid for service I needn't have." — R.C. in Illinois

• "When I have a party, or even just dinner guests, I leave out a disposable camera for everyone to take pictures with. The pictures usually turn out so good that my friends have started leaving me money for their own set of prints." — T.K. in Arizona

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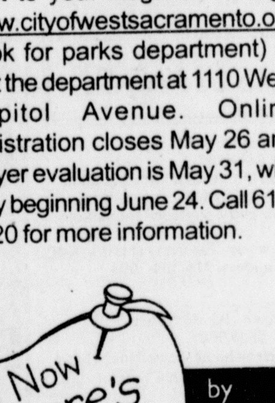
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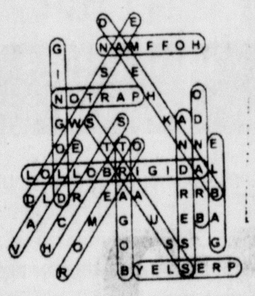

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Answers

1. He gave up 30 homers in 1999 while pitching for Arizona.
2. Five — 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969 and 1970.
3. The Volunteers lost to both South Carolina and Vanderbilt in 2005 for the first time under Fulmer. They have not lost to Kentucky in his tenure as head coach.
4. The Chicago Bulls averaged 103.1 points per game to lead the NBA in the 1996-97 season.
5. North Dakota lost 4-1 to Denver.
6. Scott Hamilton in 1984 and Brian Boitano in 1988.
7. He had 25 wins.

Police log

April 18, 6:53 a.m.

A Crown Street resident reported a vehicle burglary – the vehicle's stereo was taken.

April 19, 2:59 p.m.

A man was reported to be drunk and passed out in a pickup truck in a drive-through lane on Harbor Pointe Place. Police responded, arresting the man and releasing him to the care of his girlfriend. The girlfriend told police the man was on prescription drugs. The car was locked and left at the scene.

April 19, 12:50 p.m.

An officer stopped a 19-year old West Sacramento man in a 2001 Honda Civic on West Capitol Avenue. The car had a modified exhaust system (presumably to increase noise). The same officer had on Feb. 16 cited the same driver for the same violation, and the driver failed to appear at a court hearing. This time, he was jailed.

April 19, 10:57 p.m.

A 32-year old man driving near West Capitol and Jefferson was stopped by police for a vehicle code violation. There was a 33-year old male passenger. A probation search was conducted and a loaded 9 millimeter handgun was found under the seat. The gun was reported stolen from Sacramento. Both men were arrested.

April 19, 11:45 p.m.

An officer stoped a 40-year old West Sacramento man driving with no lights on Jefferson Blvd. The man appeared intoxicated, failing a sobriety test, and was arrested.

April 20, 3:08 a.m.

A West Sacramento woman reported her 55-year old father missing since 3 p.m., a situation that was "extremely unlike him." She had already checked the jail, ambulance company and highway patrol trying to find him.

April 20, 6:06 a.m.

A West Capitol Avenue woman reported that her 34-year old boyfriend had left in their pickup to take his dog for a walk near the ziggurat building at about 10 a.m. the prior day, and not returned,. The disappearance was "unlike him."

April 20, 10:21 a.m.

A Michigan Blvd. woman reported her 2004 Toyota Corolla stolen. She said she was behind on payments for it, but the loan company told her they had not repossessed it.

April 20, 1:27 p.m.

The high school reported a 15-year old girl passing in and out of consciousness and vomiting in the bathroom. An ambulance was called.

April 20, 2:28 p.m.

An arrest was reported at the high school; further details unavailable.

April 20, 4:39 p.m.

A Sacramento Avenue market reported having received two counterfeit checks earlier in the month, totaling $1,000.

April 20, 11 p.m.

A West Sacramento man contacted police at the station, reporting that he had been drinking, and asking for a ride to "detox." He was given a lift to the county jail.

April 21, 5:35 p.m.

A 20-year old homeless man was contacted while lying on the sidewalk. He was intoxicated, and was jailed.

April 21, 5:51 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to Madrone Avenue during a domestic dispute. A woman said her 25-year old boyfriend assaulted her. The man was arrested.

April 21, 11:40 p.m.

An officer stopped a 24-year old jaywalker on West Capitol – the man was deemed intoxicated, and was jailed.

April 22, 12:38 a.m.

Officers responded to a reported that a man was yelling and screaming in the road at Milton Street. The 33-year old subject appeared to be on drugs. He was a gang member, in violation of an anti-gang curfew, and was jailed.

April 22, 11 p.m.

A 38-year old Maple Street man was arrested for "placing a hoax bomb/device in a public area during a presidential visit." (Details of the device were not immediately available from the police department, but news reports describe it as a backpack, possibly with wiring attached.)

April 23, 7:32 p.m.

A 45-year old Walnut Street man was arrested for allegedly punching his live-in girlfriend in the stomach and throwing an object at her, causing severe injury.

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over the 31-year old Craig Weber (21-2-2, 8KO's). It was a night to remember for the Castaneda family with three brothers fighting on the same card but for Rogelio, it was the ring victory that will earn him the money and recognition he deserves.

On the other glove, it was a bad night for Vicente Escobedo, the 2004 Olympian from Woodland, who was previously undefeated in his junior-lightweight career with nine wins, all by KO. But for Vicente he left the Arco Arena with a his first knockdown and first professional defeat in losing an eight-round split decision to Daniel Jiménez (14-1-1, 8 KOs) of Puerto Rico.

Another outstanding crowd-pleasing bout was from West Sacramento heavyweight, Eric "El Rey" Martinez (3-0, 3 KO's), who thrilled his local fans with a sensational third round KO over William Jackson of Los Angeles. Look for this young heavyweight, who's been training and sparring with James Toney, to become a top prospect.

Soccer

The Sacramento Knights celebrated their home opener with a 4-2 victory over the Sonoma Sol last Sunday before a chilled crowd of over 900 fans at Folsom High School. The Knight opened the 2006 season last week on the road with a 1-1 tie in Salinas on Friday night and then follow the next day with a 2-1 win over the Frogs in San Jose.

The Knights are currently in first place in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) The Knight will be on the road this week but you can catch their next home games on Saturday, May 6th (7:30 p.m.) and again on Sunday, May 7th (6 p.m.) at Consumes River College. Checkout their website for ticket and game information. (www.sactoknights.com).

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!

Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. BOOKS: Who was the author of the social commentary "Twenty Years at Hull-House"?
2. ART: The Barbizon School was an association of what?
3. RELIGION: On whose teachings was the Lutheran Church founded?
4. LANGUAGE: What is "angst"?
5. ETIQUETTE: What is considered a traditional gift for 30th wedding anniversaries?
6. LEGALITIES: What is community property?
7. GAMES: How many spaces are on a Scrabble board?
8. U.S. STATES: In which state is the Petrified Forest National Park located?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was Franklin Roosevelt's first vice president?
10. HISTORY: In what year did Fidel Castro seize power in Cuba?

Answers

1. Jane Addams
2. French landscape painters
3. Martin Luther
4. A feeling of anxiety or dread
5. Pearls
6. Property owned jointly by husband and wife
7. 225 spaces
8. Arizona
9. John Garner
10. 1959

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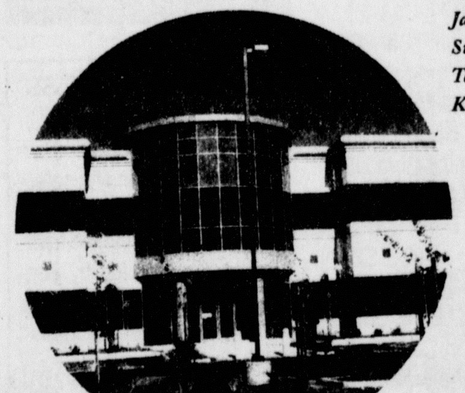

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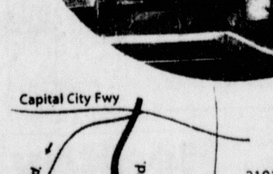

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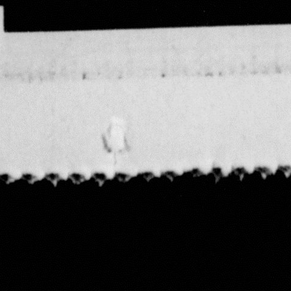

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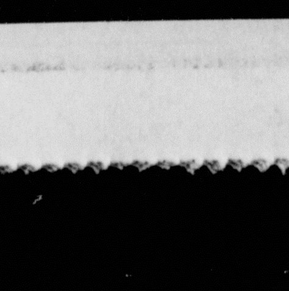

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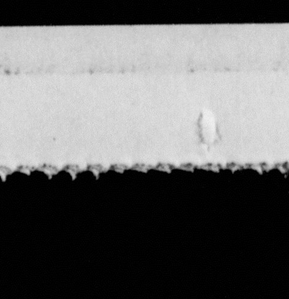

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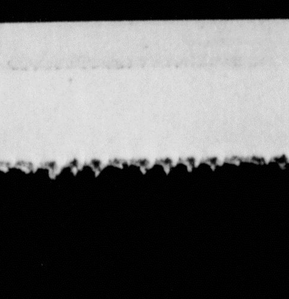

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OPINION

From the mailbag:

Letters to the Editor

Chamber endorses SMUD

After extensive examination of the facts and predicted results by both sides in the SMUD vs. PG&E battle over which entity will provide power in the future to the West Sacramento community, the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the annexation of electrical service by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).

The Chamber Board of Directors based its decision to support SMUD on the business impact such an annexation will have on the Chamber membership.

To help educate our membership, the Chamber devoted one of its monthly membership luncheons to this topic, where representatives from PD&E and SMUD presented their positions and answered questions. Both PG&E and SMUD have provided multiple updates to the Chamber board and committees throughout the process.

The West Sacramento Chamber believes that rate payers have the right to determine who provides their power.

In taking this position the West Sacramento Chamber joins the cities of West Sacramento, Woodland and Davis and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in supporting the annexation into SMUD.

JOHN LEONARD, President
West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce

Open letter to the mayor

I have been a pastor in West Sacramento almost 23 years. I have followed with interest the growth and changes that have taken place during this time. Our young city is taking shape. I see the changes and I read about the expectations in the newspapers. Unfortunately, I have church related commitments that do not permit my attending the city council meetings. So when I read about your State of the City message I was disturbed. You have been a driving force in the city council in recent years and I would have never expected your statement in your conclusion of the message. If you feel that you are a gay individual that is within your rights. However, to use taxpayers time and expense to make your private secrets known is unacceptable. City council meetings are for the business of the city and not personal promotions. I was further disturbed to read of you having an entourage of gay media representatives following you during the days preceding your message filming your activities for broadcast.

It seems that you have lost your agenda of leading the city in favor of promoting yourself. I hope that you are or have been in a monogamous relationship. I am certain that you are knowledgeable about the health risks of your proclaimed lifestyle, including the reduced life span. As a pastor, I read and study the Bible. I believe that it tells of God's plan and purpose for all that is in our world. In the beginning of the Bible, in the first book, it tells of the creation of all. The Bible specifies that God made man and woman and no other human species. That leads me to conclude that God did not make individuals with a gay design. In later portions of the Bible it records the destruction of cities where men gave themselves over to their selfish desires. It would seem that you are on the way to destruction, unless you change direction.

For many years our church has been praying for the then current mayor and the city council to have the wisdom to make the correct decisions. We are still praying for you all as a council and as individuals. I feel it is important for you to know that we love you as an individual, we just do not love your lifestyle since it is against God. We believe you can change with God's help. Please know, God loves you as a person.

NORMAN POLLITT
Pastor, Anna Street Baptist Church

Let the generals talk

What would a GI's life be without grumbling? You hear it in the mess halls, on the rifle range, and out on the parade grounds. A commander needs to know what his troops are thinking. Power up and down was a saying when I was in the National Guard back in the 80's. I can't see what all the fuss is about just because a handful of retired generals are openly expressing their thoughts about the leadership of our military. This is America. These men are not robots. They think and feel. Keep it up.

SAVINO SANCHEZ
Sacramento

Containing stray animals

Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto is expressing concern over the recent use of an illegal steel jaw leg trap used to trap a cat in Yolo County. This act caused grievous injury to a pet. The Yolo County Sheriff's Department of Animal Services would like to take this opportunity to educate the public about their rights and responsibilities regarding stray or unwanted animals.

It is your right to remove any stray animal that is on your property and take it to the Yolo County Sheriff's Department Animal Services Shelter. You can call the shelter at 530-668-5287 or 375-6492 to dispatch an officer for assistance or get direction for your animal complaint. Officers will pick up stray cats as long as the animal is contained, or you may bring it to the shelter yourself. Frightened or wild cats due to their acrobatic skills are impossible to apprehend without the use of a humane trap. Officers will respond to loose or contained stray dogs. If the shelter is closed, an animal can be placed in a night deposit cage; completing the information cards available provides staff with appropriate ways to handle those animals.

If you live in Yolo County it is your responsibility to turn in or report any stray you capture. The only acceptable and legal way to contain a wild (feral) or unhandleable cat is with a humane cat trap. The shelter has several traps available for rent; this includes a refundable deposit and daily rental fee. It is inhumane and illegal to remove any animal from your property and abandon it elsewhere.

All records of individuals who turn in strays to the shelter are kept confidential and not released to the public. Stray animals are held a minimum of four business days, which must include a Saturday, but not including the day of impound. Impound fees are accrued daily and there are penalties for intact (not sprayed or neutered) animals at large. If an owner comes to redeem their pet they must pay these fees and a record of the impound will be kept. Every time an animal is impounded the fees increase for redemption.

The Yolo County Animal Services Shelter can help you with animal complaints and the removal of stray animals. The Yolo County SPCA can help by providing information on keeping strays out of your yard, humane trapping and lost and found services for stray animals.

Be humane and do it the right way. Call us for help!

YOLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
OF ANIMAL SERVICES
(530)668-5287 or (916)375-6492
YOLO COUNTY SPCA
(530)662-8858

Another open letter to the mayor

I'm very sorry that we weren't able to speak in person before I sent this Mr. Mayor. I waited two weeks hoping you'd return my calls. I'm also sure that I'm going to take a lot of homophobic/bigotry flack for this letter, especially from the *News-Ledger* and others of the local anti-God/anti-Bible minority in West Sacramento (including a supposed Christian pastor who rejects both the authority of scripture and the very tenets of Christianity), but you've chosen to make your own personal announcement in the public arena, and consequently you've forced me to send this letter in response.

Quite a number of us West Sacramentans were very offended and saddened two weeks ago that we as a city made the front page of the Bee, not because of any recent positive citywide transformations, but because you as our elected mayor deliberately chose your most public forum (your State of the City address) to announce to the entire world that you are now an outed homosexual. And I say the world because according to the Bee you personally contacted and then invited a homosexual television network to spend the entire week with you in order to film and then broadcast your announcement -- and you did it all in the name of West Sacramento.

Your decision to use the public platform your electorate gave you to unveil your own personal sexual orientation has now forced us as your electoral constituents to be morally ranked right up there with San Francisco and West L.A. Did you do this to inspire more civic pride in us? Pardon my sarcasm, but isn't there something really wrong with this picture? Are you as our elected mayor supposed to be most concerned about representing and serving your electorate, or with feeling good about yourself? Did we elect you because we were so enamored with your abnormal sexuality (yes, we'd all heard the rumors and observed the mannerisms), or did we actually think you'd do the best job representing West Sacramento?

I'm sorry to say, Mr. Mayor, that some of us were very wrong about you and your priorities. Any person who believes that his or her own deviant sexuality is of such great interest and concern to everyone that it requires a major public announcement must have some serious problems. And supposedly you did all this (according to the Bee) so that you can feel more honest now that you publicly outed yourself. That statement appears to speak volumes about your honesty before you outed. I think what offends me and others most (other than your public disregard for God, His Word, and His moral laws) is that you as our elected mayor have chosen to use the very office and platform we've given you to drag us all through the moral mud, whether we like it or not. You've now foisted on all of us as West Sacramentans the unwanted notoriety of being recognized by the world as a tolerance-first/morality-last city. Thanks, Mr. Mayor, but no thanks. You may not know this, but a lot of men and women in this community have actually been working to clean up our public image over the past 15-20 years, and now we find that we're being represented by immorality at the very top of our own city government -- boy that's progress.

Please see LETTERS, page 10

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Filed Apr 4 2006
2003-031

The following fictitious business name, Thompson's Heating & Air Conditioning, whose principal place of business was 1580 Casa Place #E, Woodland 95776, Yolo County, which was originally filed in Yolo County on July 1993 is being ABANDONED by the registrant listed below:

David Thompson, 415 Beamer St., Woodland CA 95695 Yolo County.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

/s/David Thompson

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 4, 2006
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 22, 2006
File No. 2006-312

The following person is doing business as TS Enterprises, 39797 Morning Dove Pl., Davis CA 95616:

Rachel B. Milbrodt, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/06.

/s/Rachel B. Milbrodt

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Date: Apr 10, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 10, 2006
File No. 2006-393

The following person is doing business as Mary's Loan Processing, 606 Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Mary Gavigan, 606 Main St., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Mary Gavigan

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 11, 2006
File No. 2006-400

The following person is doing business as Tic Tac Towing Service, Inc., 38612 W Kentucky Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Gerald W. Miller & Barbara A. Miller, 42 W Woodland Ave., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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/s/Gerald W. Miller
Barbara A. Miller

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Date: Apr 11, 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 4, 2006
File No. 2006-372

The following person is doing business as Guided Home Realty and Mortgage, 606 Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Everett A. Gavigan, 1351 Tyler Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/4/06.

/s/Everett A. Gavigan

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Date: Apr 4, 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 22, 2006
File No. 2006-318

The following person is doing business as Revive; Revive Therapeutic Massage and Body Center, 1920 East Eighth St., Davis CA 95616:

Julie Stentzel, 735 Valencia Ave., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 22.

/s/Julie Stentzel

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Date: Mar. 22, 2006
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 5, 2006
File No. 2006-375

The following person is doing business as AGX Networks, 1101 Eagle Pl., Davis CA 95616:

Gerry Pesavento, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/1/06.

/s/Gerry Pesavento

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 5, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

April 19 26 May 3 10

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 24, 2006
File No. 2006-442

The following person is doing business as Blankets, 319 Alameda Blvd., West Sac CA 95691:

Shannon LaLonde, same address.

This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/24/06.

/s/Shannon LaLonde

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 24, 2006
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 4, 2006
File No. 2006-368

The following person is doing business as VCA Westside Animal Hospital, 1550 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691; mailing address 12401 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Arroyo PetCare Center, Inc., (CA corp.) 12401 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90064.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/04.

/s/Tomas W. Fuller

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Date: Apr 4, 2006
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 6, 2006
File No. 2006-252

The following person is doing business as Atlas Home Loans; Atlas Nationwide Home Loans; Atlas Nationwide Realty, 606 Main Street, Woodland CA 95695.

Everett A. Gavigan, 1351 Tyler Drive, Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/6/2006.

/s/Everett A. Gavigan

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Date: March 6, 2006
by: /s/ , Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 14, 2006
File No. 2006-418

The following person is doing business as Championship Ag, 1990 Hays Lane, Woodland CA 95776; PO Box 691, Davis CA 95617.

Marc Q. Jones, 2718 Rondo Pl., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/12/06.

/s/Marc Q. Jones

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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We rarely think people have good sense unless they agree with us.
—Francois de La Rochefoucauld

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On April 19, 2006, a notice of intent to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for a proposed major modification to the Seaway International Trade Center Planned Development (PD-37) was published. The notice is hereby retracted.

Community Development Department
City of West Sacramento

Apr 26

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

I GET SUCH PLEASURE WATCHIN' 'EM ENJOY A MEAL I'VE PREPARED!
HUH?
I DID ALL THE RAKIN' AND BALIN' LAST YEAR.
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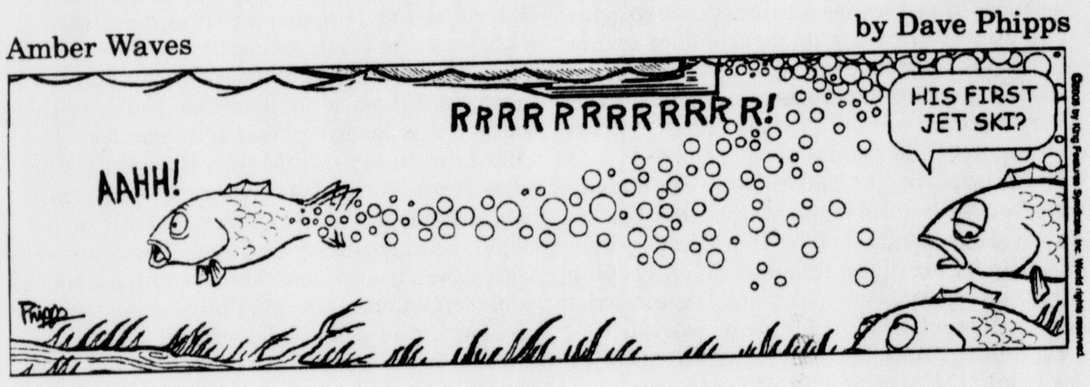
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS WE'VE SEEN RECORD GAS PRICES...
...WE'VE ALSO SEEN A DEVASTATING HURRICANE IN THE GULF COAST AS WELL AS ESCALATING TENSIONS IN THE MID-EAST.
GEEZ, SOME YEARS IT JUST DOESN'T PAY TO GET OUT OF BED.
PICKERING

POPEYE
...AND THAT'S HOW I MAKE "BOEUF A LA MODE..."
REMEMBAIR..
...ZE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HEEZ STOMACH!
...LET'S SEE... I GOT THE ROAST, VEGGIES, GARLIC, SPICES AND HERBS...
...NOW FOR THE WINE...
FRENCH CHEF
WOT IS YA DOIN', OLIVE?
COOKING SOMETHING WONDERFUL FOR YOU, POPEYE
SLURP
...IT DON'T TASTE LIKE SPINACH TA ME!

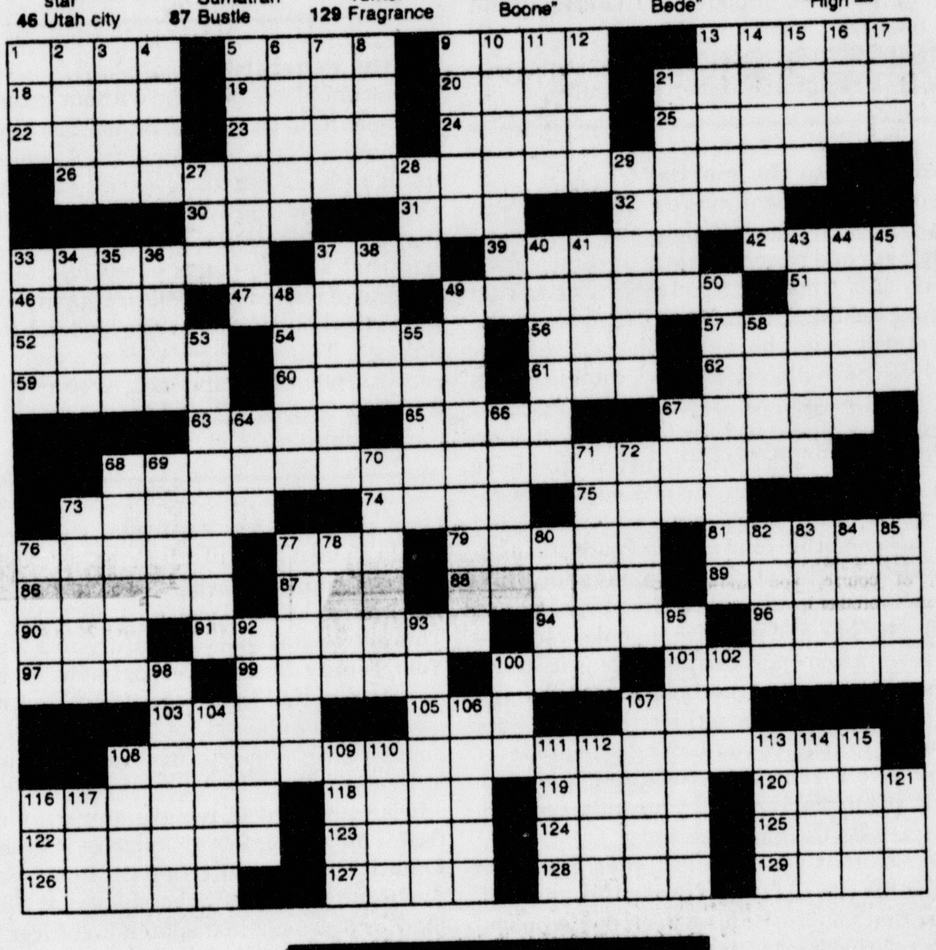
THE PLANET MONGO.
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
THE CHIEF'S FILES...? KOES YOU'RE GORDON.
BUT WHERE'S DALE? WHERE'D THE BIG APE TAKE HER?
DALE..?!
WHO ARE YOU? HOW DO YOU KNOW DALE?!
DON'T PLAY DUMB. YOU'VE GOT UNTIL THE COUNT OF THREE.
FLASH GORDON AND SECRET AGENT X-9 FACE-OFF...
1...2...
ZASK!
NICE SHOT, BARIN.
FLASH...LOOK!
BY TAO...
TO BE CONT'D~

Super Crossword

SAILING LESSON

ACROSS
1 Wild child
5 Charges
9 SDI devices
13 Hooch
18 Well-ventilated
19 Autumn birthstone
20 Cheeseboard choice
21 Leno's predecessor
22 Pare down a paycheck
23 Painter Bonheur
24 "— That a Shame" ('55 hit)
25 Like some clocks
26 Start of a remark by Roy W. West
30 Ornamental vine
31 Wahine's wreath
32 Pants measurement
33 Entertain lavishly
37 Nunn or Neill
39 Service member?
42 "Black Narcissus" star
46 Utah city
47 "Phooey!"
49 Trench
51 Thieves' headquarters?
52 Fortifies with fleece
54 Close a gate
56 Actress Cassidy
57 Hardware item
59 Rottweiler's restraint
60 Hilo hello
61 Also
62 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
63 Kuwait's continent
65 Got older
67 Giraffe kin
68 Middle of remark
73 Author Gallant
74 Tara of "American Pie"
75 Top-notch
76 Clotted-cream county
77 Average
79 Brimming with gossip
81 Word with chard or Guard
86 Shaggy Sumatran
87 Bustle
88 Clear the slate
89 Lama land
90 Martini ingredient
91 Used an atomizer
94 Chair material
96 Hummus holder
97 Constellation component
99 Dud
100 Christie or Costello
101 Formal
103 Frank
105 "Evita" character
107 Lamb's dam
108 End of remark
116 Emphasize
118 Around the corner
119 "The Alienist" author Caleb
120 Fast gait
122 Loath
123 Canadian coin
124 Opinion page
125 Ballplayer Fuentes
126 Squander
127 Up-front money
128 Cole and Turner
129 Fragrance

DOWN
1 "— to Me" ('64 hit)
2 Run amok
3 Shoe part
4 Anklebiter
5 "— Amber" ('47 film)
6 Adhesive ingredient
7 — Haven, CT
8 Thick slice
9 Demean
10 Hailing from Hertfordshire
11 Make money
12 Peterson of "Providence"
13 The Beatles all had them
14 Pounds the podium
15 Sonja Henie's birthplace
16 Beastly place?
17 Chang's sib
21 Incisor's neighbor
27 Zilch
28 Shade tree
29 Took care of pressing business?
33 Bakery buy
34 Ohio county
35 Actress Rowlands
36 Ed of "Daniel Boone"
37 "— 17" ('53 film)
38 Concerning
40 Flaunt
41 — even keel
43 Ochs or Zukor
44 Attorney Melvin
45 Till
48 Delon or Lesage
49 Upset
50 Most auspicious
53 Woodworker's scraps
55 Abrade
58 Out of gas
64 Slangy sib
66 Duck down
67 "You Don't — Me" ('64 hit)
68 Cigar city
69 Revlon rival
70 Opera's Martina
71 The Bahamas' capital
72 Senior member
73 Deserve
75 "All — Go to Heaven" ('89 film)
77 One who no's best?
78 Eliot's "— Bede"
80 Brazos River city
82 Clean a counter
83 Egyptian bird
84 Theater collection
85 Corset part
92 Gratify
93 Captivate
95 Director Blake
98 Mugabe of Zimbabwe
100 Potok's "My Name Is Asher —"
102 Yank opponent
104 Oater extras
106 Writer Bret
107 Swamp sight
108 Aphrodite's boyfriend
109 Cuzco native
110 Witnessed
111 Computer image
112 Wine valley
113 Graham of football
114 Parched
115 "Rosanna" rockers
116 Shorten a slat
117 Dam org.
121 Anderson's "High —"



Answers to Puzzles Page 4

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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8			6		5		9	
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2			1			8		9
		6	5		4		2	
1	7			8		5		
	3	2		5		6		
	1			3			5	2
6			7		9			4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ *HOO BOY!*

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MAGIC MAZE ● DIDN'T TAKE A STAGE NAME

D O L J G E D B E Y W U R P N
K I G G D B N A M F F O H Z X
V S Q I N O S M E K I G E C A
Y W U N O T R A P H S Q O P N
L J Y G W S H S F E K A D C A
Y L X O E V T T O U S N N E Q
F (L O L L O B R I G I D A) L P
N D L D R M E A A K J R R B H
F A E C C M B G Z U Y E B A X
V V H U O T R O Q P S S O G M
L K I R H G E B Y E L S E R P

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Andress, Bankhead, Bogart, Brando, Eastwood, Gabie, Gingold, Hoffman, Lollobrigida, Parton, Presley, Romero, Storch, Strauss, Valle

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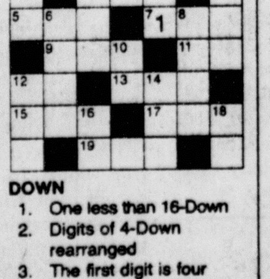
Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
2. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
5. Eight times 3-Down
7. Digits of 12-Down rearranged
9. Two hundred less than 4-Down
11. The first digit is three times the last digit
12. Sum of the digits of 17-Across
13. 9-Across plus 1-Down
15. Four more than 2-Across
17. Five hundred more than 19-Across
19. Consecutive even digits rearranged

DOWN
1. One less than 16-Down
2. Digits of 4-Down rearranged
3. The first digit is four times the last digit
4. 17-Across minus 7-Across
6. One-half of 8-Down
8. Consecutive digits rearranged
10. One less than 12-Across
12. Five times 18-Down
14. 2-Down plus 4-Down
16. 12-Down minus 11-Across
18. One-sixth of 15-Across

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Slither"

Running time: 96 minutes
MPAA rating: R

If you see just one Alien-Slugs-Turning-Smalltown-Hicks-Into-Flesh-Eating-Zombies movie this week, then make that movie "Slither."

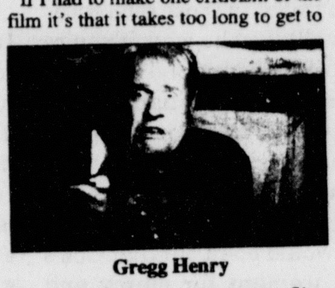
Made on a budget of about 89 cents, "Slither" is a delicious, tongue-in-cheek homage to the campy, classic alien-gore flicks of the '80s (think "Night of the Creeps").

The film is directed by James Gunn, the same guy who gave us the uber-cool remake of George Romero's "Dawn of the Dead." Gunn is a hard-core fan of the zombie and horror genre, and it's his affection for these movies that transforms what could have been another throwaway splatter flick into an entertaining movie.

What makes "Slither" a watchable flick is that it effortlessly switches between the gory-GOTCHA! moments to dufus-y funny situations. For example, right before one of the characters is about to be ravaged by a space slug, a woman cries, "What IS that?!!" to which the victim-to-be replies, "I dunno. And I watch a helluva lot of Animal Planet!"

The film stars a bunch of people whose faces you remember, but not their names. The hero, police chief Bill Pardy, is played by that guy from "Firefly," Nathan Fillion. The poor sap who first gets attacked by the slugs and becomes their human host is played by Michael Rooker, who played Mr. Svenning in "Mallrats." Playing the poor sap's wife, Starla, is Elizabeth Banks, who played the freaky nympho Beth in "40-Year-Old Virgin."

If I had to make one criticism of the film it's that it takes too long to get to



Gregg Henry

the good stuff. For a 90-minute film, you shouldn't have to wait more than a half-hour before things kick into gear. Especially when the first half hour is devoted mostly to the boring, sexless marriage of convenience between Starla and that Svenning fella.

But when things get cooking, watch out. You'll be treated to some of the funniest and goriest moments you've seen on film in a long while.

"Slither" is the perfect movie to watch at a late-showing with a group of friends. It definitely lends itself to a "Mystery Science Theater 3000" vibe.

Check it out.

GRADE: B+

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CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q: I remember a little while back reading that Sharon Stone had written a song, and it was used for a Hurricane Katrina benefit album. Is this true, and if so, does Ms. Stone plan to branch out her career into songwriting? — *Abby T., Monterey, Calif.*

A. Back in the fall of 2005, Stone co-wrote a song, called "Come Together Now," for the album "Hurricane Relief: Come Together Now." She wrote the song with songwriters Denise Rich, Mark Feist and Damon Sharpe. All proceeds from album sales went (and still go) directly to Habitat for Humanity, a charity organization that has been a mainstay for the hurricane-relief effort.

Stone recently mentioned that she would love to record an album with songs she has written — she just needs a producer to come on board. Here's to wishing Stone the best of luck in her songwriting pursuits, and in hoping this new project can help erase the memory of her latest box-office stinker, "Basic Instinct 2."

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Q: What happened to "E-Ring"? Is it coming back on TV, or has it been canceled? — *Mrs. A.J., via e-mail*

A. NBC's "E-Ring," starring Benjamin Bratt and Dennis Hopper, has been on hiatus since February, and its chances for a comeback are looking pretty slim. USA Today has listed it as one of its "gone or nearly dead" shows in its annual feature, Save Our Shows. You can help "E-Ring" make the cut by participating in the vote at http://usatoday.com/life/television/2006-04-03-save-our-shows-vote_x.htm. Networks do listen to the viewing public — if they are loud enough and insistent enough. Polls and votes, such as the one in USA Today, have been responsible for saving many beloved shows, including Fox's "Arrested Development," UPN's "Veronica Mars" and NBC's "Scrubs." If you do not have

Sharon Stone

access to a computer, you can write to: USA Today, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22108-0605, and ask how you can help.

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Q: What is Kathie Lee Gifford doing these days? — *Joyce R., via e-mail*

A. Since leaving her co-hosting post on "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee," Gifford has kept herself busy with her various charity works (Childhelp USA and the Association to Benefit Children, to name a few), singing and guest TV appearances ("That's So Raven," "Hope and Faith," "Jimmy Kimmel Live"). Most recently, she guest-hosted CNN's "Larry King Live" and also made an appearance on "The View."

Many viewers would like to see her return regularly to television, so let's put this idea out there: With Meredith Viera of "The View" recently announcing that she'll be leaving the morning talk show to co-host "The Today Show," perhaps Gifford's name should be tossed around as a possible replacement. Considering her popularity on "Live," the transition should be a seamless one.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

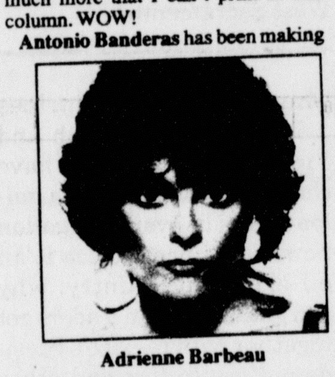
HOLLYWOOD ... **Darryl Hannah**, the lovely actress that **John Kennedy Jr.** should have married had not mama **Jackie** voiced her objection, has her career going in high gear. She's set to co-star with **Roy Scheider, Eric Roberts** and **Sean Young** in a thriller titled "Dark Honeymoon," about a man who marries an exotically beautiful woman. However, during their honeymoon on the Oregon coast all sorts of violent things occur. There are several mysterious deaths, and he learns some terrible truths about the woman he married. ... In her private life, Darryl is just that — private. ... And, of course, you know Eric Roberts is brother to **Julia** and father of the upcoming child star **Emma Roberts**.

Great to see a group of the old guard looking so lovely: **Jane Wyatt, Eva Marie Saint, Gloria Stuart** (who can forget her as "old" Rose in "Titanic"?) and **Gena Rowlands** at the James Bridges Theatre on the UCLA campus for a women in film series. There was much huggin' and kissin', and a really good time get-together was had by all, AND all still active in their careers.

Quite a time for **Adrienne Barbeau**, who is appearing at the Actor's Playhouse in New York in "The Property Known as Garland" about the life of **Judy Garland**, and receiving raves for her performance. And her bio has just hit the bookstalls, titled "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" (Carroll & Graff Publishers). It's a romp of a well-written read. Barbeau is now happily married with three sons.

Speaking of books, you may think you've read all about **Katharine Hepburn** in past bios, but you "ain't read nuthin' yet" till you've read Darwin Porter's "Katharine the Great" (Blood Moon Productions). Porter tells of her many love affairs with *both* men *and* women. He gives us inside news of the Tracy relationship that you wouldn't believe, and also the long dalliance with **Howard Hughes**, and much much more that I can't print in this column. WOW!

Antonio Banderas has been making



Adrienne Barbeau

the rounds of the talk shows plugging his latest hit, "Take the Lead." And now he's set to star as the famous Spanish conqueror Cortez. The film is titled "Conquistador" and tells of the famous expedition that sailed west from Cuba in 1519 hoping to expand the Spanish Empire. However, they came upon what is now Mexico, and brought down the Aztec Empire led by Montezuma. Antonio should be great in this one. And can he dance! He's wonderful in "Take the Lead."

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures will soon ease.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal — just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.

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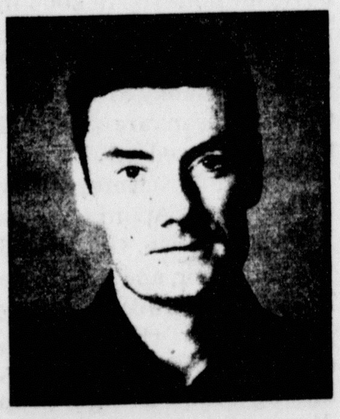
Fave Foods OF THE FAMOUS

by Steven Austin



Miles Siggins

Fox TV's "American Idol" continues to dominate the airwaves as America's hottest show. Wardrobe stylist to the stars Miles Siggins is the man responsible for the Idols' famous fashions, and when he's not dressing America's favorite pop-star wannabes, Miles creates looks for some of Hollywood's biggest stars and supermodels, like Brad Pitt, Ashton Kutcher, Naomi Campbell and Pamela Anderson.

Most recently, Miles brought his sense of style to AOL's RED service for teens by creating an online fashion show where they can learn about and buy the latest in prom fashions without breaking the bank. With styles ranging from classic to glamorous, Miles helps young people create an individual look they can call their own. For more info, go to www.red-prom.com and www.americanidol.com.

Have you ever told a celeb to lose a few pounds so he or she would look better in one of your styles?

"Oh, God no, I'd never do that. That would be so very rude!"

Did "American Idol" star Clay Aiken go through any dietary changes that you know about to help his remarkable transformation? He looked like he got bigger during the competition, and still looks that way now.

"He does, doesn't he? I think it's just the lifestyle of being on the road, eating whatever you can. I don't mean to be out of line, but middle America isn't really known for its culinary delights."

For fashion in the U.S., it's New York City or Los Angeles. So, which city do you prefer for dining out?

"I'd have to say New York City. I love Cippriani downtown and Il Bagatto in the East Village. It amazes me that LA, with its sunny weather most of the year, has very few outdoor dining areas."

Tell us about the food on the "American Idol" sets.

"Well, it's not very nutritious, that's for sure; at least the craft services, anyway. Cheese and crackers, peanut butter sandwiches and lots of candy. Lunch, however, is catered, and there we have lots of veggies, a couple of tasty salads, and normally fish, meat and pasta dishes to cater to all diets.

"

A memorable piece of clothing that incorporated a food item?

"I think that one of the British hat designers, perhaps Stephen Jones or Phillip Tracey, made a hat involving real fruit, with a pineapple at the crown. Sort of a spiky tuft. Very creative!"

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GNOCCHI WITH GORGONZOLA SAUCE

2 1/4 pounds russet potatoes
1 large egg
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup whipping cream
3 cups crumbled Gorgonzola cheese (about 13 ounces)
Chopped fresh chives

Pierce potatoes several times with fork, and microwave until tender, turning once, about 15-20 minutes. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Scoop potato flesh into bowl and discard potato skins. Mash potatoes until smooth. Mix in egg. Sift flour, salt, pepper and nutmeg over potato mixture. Stir to combine, and knead gently. Divide dough into 8 pieces. Roll each piece on work surface into 1/2-inch-diameter rope. Cut dough into 1-inch lengths and make grooves in each piece with fork.

Cook gnocchi in large pot of boiling salted water until they are tender and rise to surface, about 5 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer cooked gnocchi to warm platter. Bring cream to simmer in heavy medium saucepan over medium heat. Add Gorgonzola, whisking until melted. Spoon sauce over gnocchi. Sprinkle with chives and serve. Serves 4.

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **May 6, 1911,** George Maledon, the man who executed at least 60 men for "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker, dies of natural causes in Tennessee. Paid $100 for each hanging, Maledon considered the job "honorable and respectable work" and tried to be a conscientious hangman who minimized suffering with a quick death.

• On **May 1, 1931,** New York City's Empire State Building is dedicated. Standing 102 stories, or 1,454 feet from the top of its lightning rod to its base at 34th Street and Fifth Avenue, the Empire State Building was constructed during the height of the Great Depression at a cost of only $40 million.

• On **May 4, 1948,** 25-year-old Norman Mailer's first novel, "The Naked and the Dead," is published. The book was critically acclaimed and widely considered one of the best novels to come out of World War II. Mailer's high-profile exploits in the 1970s and 1980s included a run for the mayoralty of New York.

• On **May 3, 1952,** a ski-modified U.S. Air Force C-47 becomes the first aircraft to land on the North Pole. Aboard the flight was Dr. Albert P. Crary, a scientist who in 1961 traveled to the South Pole by motorized vehicle, thus becoming the first person in history to have stood on both poles.

• On **May 7, 1966,** "Monday, Monday," by the Mommas and the Papas, hits the top of the charts. This was the first musical quartet to include two men and two women. Almost all previous groups that topped the charts were single-sex groups, like the Supremes or the Beatles.

• On **May 2, 1972,** Buddy Baker becomes the first stock-car driver to finish a 500-mile race in less than three hours en route to winning the Winston Select 500 at the Alabama International Motor Speedway in Talladega, Ala.

• On **May 5, 1986,** the long-running romantic-comedy series "The Love Boat" airs its final episode. The show had been on the air since 1977.

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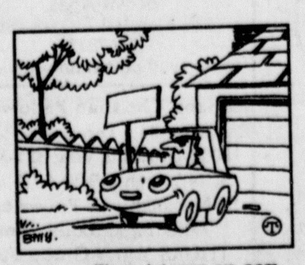
Auto Ideas

(NAPS)—An accident can take seconds to occur but overseeing the entire claims repair process may take days. Fortunately, this does not have to be the case and that's why it's a smart idea to investigate car insurance companies carefully. For example, The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies offers drivers an accident claims repair process that takes only minutes—not days—of their time. For more information, visit www.progressive.com.



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REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST PUBLIC NOTICE

First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission is soliciting Letters of Interest from organizations or individuals interested in conducting evaluation services for the Commission and its funded programs.

Duties will include assisting in the creation, coordination and implementation of an evaluation plan; providing technical assistance to funded programs on evaluation tools and data collection; assisting funded programs to be in alignment with new statewide evaluation requirements; identifying existing evaluation results for outcomes presentations and reporting; and evaluating future outcomes of the newly implemented Universal Preschool Program in West Sacramento (UP4WS).

If you can provide the services previously described and are interested in contracting with First 5 Yolo, please submit a letter of interest with the following information:

— Detailed summary of your applicable experience

— Overview of how you would complete these services

— Timeline for the completion of services

— Cost estimate for the completion of services

This will be a 14-month contract with services anticipated to begin May 2006 and continue through June 2007. The total contract amount is not to exceed $55,000.

Responses to this request must be mailed to Julie Gallelo at First 5 Yolo, 403 Court Street, Woodland, CA 94565 "% Faxed to (530) 669-2477 "% or emailed to jgallelo@yolochildren.org. Please submit letters no later than 4:00PM on May 10, 2006.

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REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST
Universal Preschool Childcare Monitoring Agency (CMA)

First 5 Yolo is soliciting Letters of Interest from organizations interested in providing childcare monitoring services for the Universal Preschool (UPK) Program in West Sacramento. First 5 Yolo proposes to establish a Childcare Monitor Agency (CMA) to work closely with the Universal Preschool Advisory Committee and its other UPK partners to:

- develop contracts with UPK qualified private family childcare homes and private childcare centers within West Sacramento city limits

— coordinate reimbursements to the UPK private contracted providers

— monitor the contracted UPK private childcare programs

— assist families residing within West Sacramento with enrollment into UPK funded private childcare provider programs

The CMA will be a key partner in support of the UPK goal of ensuring universal access to high quality preschool for all 4-year-olds in West Sacramento. The CMA will collaborate with the City of Davis Child Care Collaborative, Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) responsible for rating potential UPK qualified programs. Agencies interested in contracting with First 5 Yolo should submit a letter of interest with the following information:

1. Detailed summary of your applicable experience / qualifications

2. Overview of how your agency would complete these services

3. Timeline for the completion of services

4. Cost estimate for the completion of services

Contract anticipated to begin May 2006 and continue through June 2007. The total contract amount is not to exceed $ 250,000.

Responses to this request must be mailed to Julie Gallelo at First 5 Yolo, 403 Court Street, Woodland, CA 94565 "% Faxed to (530) 669-2477 "% or emailed to jgallelo@yolochildren.org. Please submit letters no later than 4:00PM on May 12, 2006.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared on behalf of the City of West Sacramento and the Yolo County Transportation District for the proposed construction of a new bus transit center facility. The facility would be located along the frontage of West Capitol Avenue and Merkley Avenue and on a small portion of the abutting vacant 1.08-acre parcel on the northwest corner of the intersection. The site is located in the Central Business District of West Sacramento, directly across from the Civic Center. The new facility would accommodate six buses and be adjacent to the proposed Los Rios Community College satellite campus and new public library and senior center.

Listed Toxic Site:
Yes No

Explanation: In 2004, the City conducted a comprehensive Phase I assessment of all properties along West Capitol Avenue, including the 2.5-acre triangular-shaped property at the southwest corner of West Capitol Avenue and Merkley Avenues (Ramos property) containing the project site. The Phase I Assessment concludes that the project site would not create a hazard to the public or environment and that no further action is recommended for the property.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than May 26, 2006. Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the June 7, 2006 City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on June 7th, 2006 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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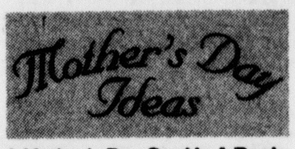

A Mother's Day Card In A Book

(NAPS)—If you are ever at a loss for words that express just how much mom or grandma do and have done for you, you may be pleased to discover a charming new way to express how you feel.

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To learn more, visit www.hcibooks.com. The books are available online and wherever books are sold.

LETTERS from page seven

If honesty was really your motivation in all this, why didn't you announce to all of us who voted for you before we elected you? According to the Bee you admitted that you didn't do that because you knew such real honesty and straight-forwardness upfront would likely have been politically unprofitable for you. So in actuality, by secretly planning your unveiling the way you did, you've shown us that honesty had little or nothing to do with your decision. By the way, I'd sure like to know if any other city council members or other city officials knew about your outing beforehand because according to the Bee most of them were falling all over each other to congratulate you after your announcement. Sadly, those of us who actually elected you weren't privy to your decision, or some of us would have strongly attempted to dissuade you from doing this.

Another serious problem I have with your very public announcement is that you are obviously seeking to legitimize homosexual behavior and lifestyle before our community (including thousands of our children and young people who look up to you as our mayor), when in fact God says such abnormal behavior is immoral and ungodly and sets a terrible example for our children. For thousands of years (since the creation of the human race), homosexuality has been recognized by the peoples of the world as being aberrant/deviant behavior. Over that same period of time, the God who created us (and gave us our human sexuality) has declared homosexuality to be aberrant/deviant sin that He will eventually judge. And although a large portion of mankind has always refused to submit to God and His Word (remember Sodom and Gomorrah), and though much of mankind still continues to rebel against Him and His Word today (including the entire homosexual community), never the less, such rebellion doesn't alter either the truth/righteousness of God's Word or His clear and serious warning against homosexuality as sin.

Contrary to what you would like to believe (and all legitimate scientific evidence as well), homosexuality is environmentally, not genetically produced. Your parents/grandparents did transmit your Filipino heritage to you, but not your homosexuality. And that's why God eventually will judge your homosexuality as sin, because it's a product of choices, behaviors, and decisions, not chance or genetics.

I've sent you a Bible. Hopefully you've received it by now (I wanted to give it to you personally but you wouldn't return my calls or allow me an appointment). If you're actually interested in knowing what our Creator says about homosexuality, please look up Romans 1:18-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Timothy 1:9-10, and Jude 7 in the New Testament (there are many more passages in the Old Testament -- I'd be happy to furnish you with those references as well). By the way, if you're one of those individuals who believe that Christians should never judge or oppose someone's public sin, but instead always be gracious and forgiving when encountering it, I would point out that God's requirement for mercy and forgiveness is repentance and confession, not arrogance or denial or ostentation.

We're all sinners and we all need God's forgiveness in order to inherit eternal life and avoid eternal condemnation, but God's only door to forgiveness is repentance, and that involves forsaking our sin, not publicly flaunting it. Believe it or not, nothing would please me more than hearing of a desire for repentance on your part. If that ever occurs, please call me -- you have my number from my voice mails. I'd be grateful for the opportunity of showing you from God's Word how any man or woman can forsake their sin, be completely forgiven, and receive the promise of eternal life with God -- all through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ -- God's perfect and only sacrifice for our sin.

GARY CLEMENTS
West Sacramento

Thoughts on oil/gas prices

Since President Bush and Vice President Cheney have close ties to big oil and a gallon of gas in over $3 a gallon now, and since Mexico is an oil exporting country, why can't our two main leaders get together with Mexico's President Vicente Fox and other south-of-the-border states' leaders and cause more oil to come our way in exchange for corporate U.S.A. outsourcing more jobs south-of-the-border instead of so many going across the Pacific Ocean to China, India, etc.?

By creating more jobs southward, it seems we could stem the tide and problems/costs of illegal immigration. Whether wages and benefits would come close to what those workers now receive (many are paid under the table at less than minimum wage) is debatable, but worth exploring.

Maybe high gas prices will cause more to use public transit, development to become more transit-friendly, and less pollution. Shorter work weeks could occur, as well as more working from home. Reducing fuel demand can reduce the price.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

In support of Lenzi

Last year I had an opportunity to serve on a jury in the Yolo County Superior Court. I used the word opportunity because, although I did not relish being a juror in a sexual abuse trial, the experience gave me the chance to see Deputy District Attorney Patricia Lenzi prosecute a case that was complicated, confusing, emotional and shocking. From the opening statement, during weeks of horrific evidence and testimony, and through her closing statement, Ms. Lenzi kept everyone on track and focused on the specific facts that mattered in the final decision making. She also made it abundantly clear that she is, first and foremost, a victim's advocate.

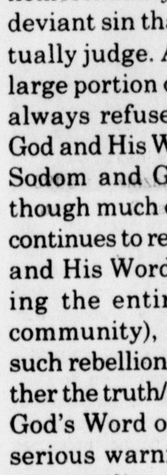
Now Pat Lenzi is running for Yolo County District Attorney and having witnessed first hand her courtroom demeanor, her ability to communicate clearly, and her intense focus on the issues at hand, I am wholeheartedly supporting her. The more I know of her background, experience, ideas for a more efficiently run district attorney's office, and her ability to multi-task in any situation, it makes the choice obvious.

I would like to encourage other Yolo County residents who have had a similar opportunity to meet Pat Lenzi, in the courtroom or otherwise, to step forward and speak out. It's due time for a chance in the Yolo County district attorney's office and we can effect that change now with a more-than-qualified individual -- Patricia Lenzi.

BARBARA BUCHER
West Sacramento

News-Ledger Directory of Local Places of Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St. ■ 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father Jos. Karikattil, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Praise & worship 10:45 a.m. Junior church for all ages at 11 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916)372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Frank Hightower, Elder 519-5329 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 9am: Family-Friendly Contemporary Service 11am: Blended Traditional & Contemporary Service	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Pastor Giancarlo Mittempergher Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 1350 Halyard Dr., W. Sac. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**New Discovery Christian Church** Now meeting at Elkhorn Village Elementary School, 750 Cummins Way, West Sac. at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN Worship 9:30 & 11 am SUN Worship & Prayer 6pm WED Bible Study 7pm THURS Youth Group 7pm 1st & 3rd FRI Singles 7pm 2nd FRI Women's Fellowship 7pm	**River of Life Church** 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) Worship Sun. 10 a.m. Youth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Call 371-6706 www.intheriver.com	*Is your worship center listed here? Call 371-8030 to find out how to list your place of worship.*



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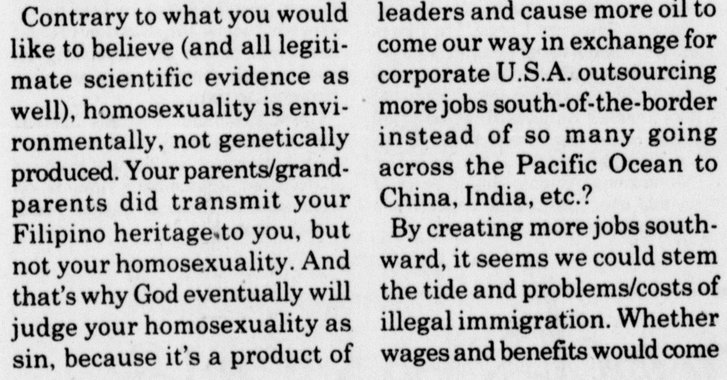

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Crop troubles

From Beth Gabor
County of Yolo

Yolo County today declared a disaster due to significant agricultural crop losses as a result of recent non-stop rains. Specifically alfalfa – a $37.8 million crop in 2004 in Yolo County – has suffered an estimated 36% crop loss valued at approximately $14 million. Garbanzo beans are estimated to have suffered a 65% loss.

H.R.4939 (Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006), already passed by the House, authorizes federal relief for, among other things, crop disaster assistance. The companion legislation, S.3400, is scheduled for a vote in the Senate on Tuesday. This legislation will only apply to disasters declared before the bill is signed into law. The extent of federal disaster relief to Yolo County is uncertain at this time.

"Yolo County's $300 million agricultural production has experienced significant losses as a result of the non-stop rain this year," said Agricultural Commissioner Rick Landon. "With the multiplier effect, Yolo County's $1 billion agriculture and support industries have also been negatively impacted by the 31 out of 40 days of rain in both March and April."

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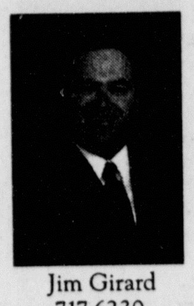
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on May 10, 2006 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacra-mento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assis-tance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Noti-fica-tion 72 hours prior to the meeting will en-able the City to make reason-able arrange-ments to assure acces-sibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Ordinance 06-13 amending Chapter 8.03 of the Municipal Code relating to hotel operating standards.

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Beware of people who dislike cats.
—Irish Proverb

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of RYAN RUFF, Minor
NO. JV-05-00526
CITATION

TO: All persons Claiming to Be the Father:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695,on May 31, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 11. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Deserea Ruff on December 19, 2005. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 2/28/06
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of GABRIELLE SANTIAGO, Minor
NO. JV-05-00475
AMENDED CITATION

TO: Michael Sarianana and All Persons Claiming to be the Father.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on June 14, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 11 (Department 11 is located at 812 Court Street, Woodland, California 95695). At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Salina Santiago on November 8, 2005. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 3/29/06
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 3, 2006
File No. 2006-362

The following person is doing business as Cosmo Beauty Academy, 960 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605; mailing: 7660 Howerton Dr., Sacramento CA 95831.

Tang Dynasty, Inc., 7660 Howerton Dr., Sacramento CA 95831.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Gordon Tang

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 3, 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 9, 2006
File No. 2006-171

The following person is doing business as New Mountain; New Mountain Small Business Services; New Mountain Media Group, 839 W. Lincoln Ave. #615, Woodland CA 95695:

Alan Storey, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Alan Storey

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb. 9, 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 30, 2006
File No. 2006-351

The following person is doing business as K. Lynn Designs, 410 Casa Linda Dr., Woodland:

Kelly L. Martin, 410 Casa Linda Dr., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Kelly L. Martin

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: March 30, 2006
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 28, 2006
File No. 2006-340

The following person is doing business as Hi Tech Cleaning and Gardening, 3400 Palomar Ave., W. Sacto. CA 95691:

Dolegario Gonzalez, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/28/06.

/s/Dolegario Gonzalez

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar. 28, 2006
by: /s/Kimberly Barklow, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 31, 2006
File No. 2006-356

The following person is doing business as SouthPort Trucking, 3490 Coyote Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Umar Ali and Razina Ali, 3490 Coyote Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/30/06.

/s/Umar Ali
/s/Razina Ali

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State of California
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Date: Mar. 29, 2006
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works and Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, June 06, 2006**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM INSTALLATION 05/06
CITY WORK ORDER NUMBER: 11170

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work generally consists of the installation of asphalt speed humps, speed cushions, crosswalks, bike lanes, and related roadway markings and signs on various residential streets in association with the Residential Traffic Calming Program in accordance to these plans, specifications, and special provisions.

In addition, the work shall include the replacement of any pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter or public and private improvements removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract, as well as all necessary traffic control.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **Thirty (30) working days** from the date designated in the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works and Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of **$25.00** or may be mailed upon request and payment of **$35.00**. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the Contract Documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractor's license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must posses a current **Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's License** issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Public Works and Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

/s/ Raymond Santiago, Traffic/ Transportation Manager

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROSINA M. DeSANTIS
CASE NUMBER PB06-105

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Rosina M. DeSantis AKA Rose DeSantis:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Alan DeSantis in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alan DeSantis be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 23, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, Superior Court of California, 812 Court Street, Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Bruce Kaminski
1524 Merkley Avenue
West Sacramento CA 95691
(916) 372-4752

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 11, 2006
File No. 2006-403

The following person is doing business as Serve, 3720 Los Cerros Place, Davis CA 95616.

Kelly Jean Carpenter, 3720 Los Cerros Place, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Kelly Carpenter

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Date: Apr 11, 2006
by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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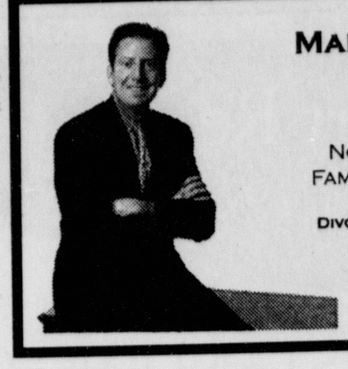

Local Scene

Walk against cancer

The American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" will be held this weekend, May 6-7, from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday at River City High School. Teams will gather donations in advance and take turns walking around the track for 24 hours. There will be entertainment, cancer information and a candle ceremony. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

War on weeds

Get information on how to maintain a safe, weed-free garden and landscape by attending a UC Integrated Pest Management program on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Turner branch library, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento. A quiet educational program will be available for children at the same time. Call the UC Cooperative Extension at (530) 666-8143 or the library at 375-6465 for more information.

Slam Jam

The West Sacramento Police Department and West Sacramento Fire Department will take it to the basketball court on Friday, May 12, at 6 p.m. at River City High School, in a piece of friendly competition to raise money for scholarships. $8 donation for adults, $5 for students, free for kids five and under. There will be a "special guest" at halftime – bring your camera & prepare to get an autograph. Call 617-4928 for information.

Turn off TV

The "First 5 Yolo" organization encourages local families to turn off their TV sets during "TV Turnoff Week" from April 24-30, citing American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations that preschoolers spend no more than an hour per day in front of the television. Activists suggest that families plan special activities such as reading or drawing with your child, playing outside together, taking family walks or trips to the library or park, working on craft projects, or other family activities. Visit www.yolochildren.org.

Dog park

The City of West Sacramento will celebrate Arbor Day and the opening of a new "dog park" on Sat., April 29, from 10 a.m. to noon at Sam Combs Park, 205 Stone Blvd. (west of Jefferson). Trees will be honored to celebrate Arbor Day (and a limited number of seedlings given away). Dog treats will also be on hand. Bring your dog.

Jobs in health

A job fair focusing on the health industry is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the One-Stop Career Center, 25 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland. Bring copies of your resume and be ready to interview. Visit www.yoloworks.org.

Open house at RCHS

River City High School's open house is scheduled for today, April 26, beginning at 6 p.m. Buses will be dispatched between 5 and 5:30 p.m. to Golden State Middle School and Elkhorn, Westfield, Bryte and Southport elementary schools as well as Valhalla Park at the KOA and the Evergreen Apartment complex on Pine Street. Buses will return you to those locations after 8 p.m. All students and parents are invited to the open house. There will be a free BBQ in the quad as part of the event.

Women of history

The community is welcome to submit biographies, photos and artifacts for an upcoming exhibit called "Notable Women of West Sacramento, 1850 to the Present," planned for June at the West Sacramento Historical Museum and Visitors Center. Contact Jeri Wingfield, 371-7678, or write to the museum at 324 3rd St., Broderick CA 95605. Deadline is April 30. Volunteers can help write your story.

Teen poets

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to the fifth annual "Poetry Slam," scheduled for 6:30 p..m. (doors open at 6) at the Collings Teen Center (date unverified). Read your own poetry or someone else's, but submit the poetry by April 27 to cathy.lorda@yolocounty.org. No profanity or inappropriate content. Call 375-6465 for information.

Leadership

Join 80,000 business leaders in a simulcast on Friday, May 5, shown locally at the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Billed as "the largest leadership event of the year," the event is formatted as a "maximum impact simulcast." Journey Christian Church is selling tickets for $79 (includes lunch & refreshments; discounts for groups of five). Call 375-0800 and ask for Kurt or Chuck. Renowned athletes, authors and leadership experts will take part in the simulcast.

Making college happen

A workshop on college admissions and financial aid, called "College: Making it Happen," is planned for 8:30 a.m. to noon on May 6 at the University Union Ballroom at CSUS. The program is geared for students from grades six through nine and their families, and will be conducted in English, Spanish & Hmong. Sponsored by CSUS, the Los Rios Community College District, UC Davis and others. Reservations strongly encouraged: call 278-5480.

Prayer

A National Day of Prayer observance in West Sacramento is scheduled for 6:30-7:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, at the Collings Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Avenue. Prayer and meditation will follow until 1 p.m. For more information on "America, Honor God," call 372-7818.

Buy a home

The City of West Sacramento plans several workshops for prospective homeowners. Income-eligible buyers who attend all three workshops may be eligible for up to $100,000 in assistance through the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program. A family of four with an annual income up to $49,500, for example, may apply. The workshops are planned for the evenings of April 20 & 27 and May 11, covering the topics of "The Homebuying Process," "Credit and Money Management" and "Home Maintenance/Good Neighbor." Call 646-2005 for information on homebuyer assistance. To see affordable homes available through the city's inclusionary housing program, call www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us/cityhall/departments/hci/programs.cfm or call 617-4555.

For Milbrodt

Delia Bethell will host a "meet and greet coffee" for Bob Milbrodt, candidate for Yolo County Assessor, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 at 390 C Street in West Sacramento.

Golf

The 15th annual West Sacramento Golf Classic is scheduled for June 15 at Wildhorse in Davis, with check-in at 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. $150 per player includes green fees, cart, beverages, gift bag & dinner. Sponsorships available. Proceeds benefit educational fund. Call 371-7042.

Free sports

Boys and girls age 10-16 are eligible to attend the free National Youth Sports program held at UC Davis, including swimming, basketball, tennis, soccer, fencing and an introduction to

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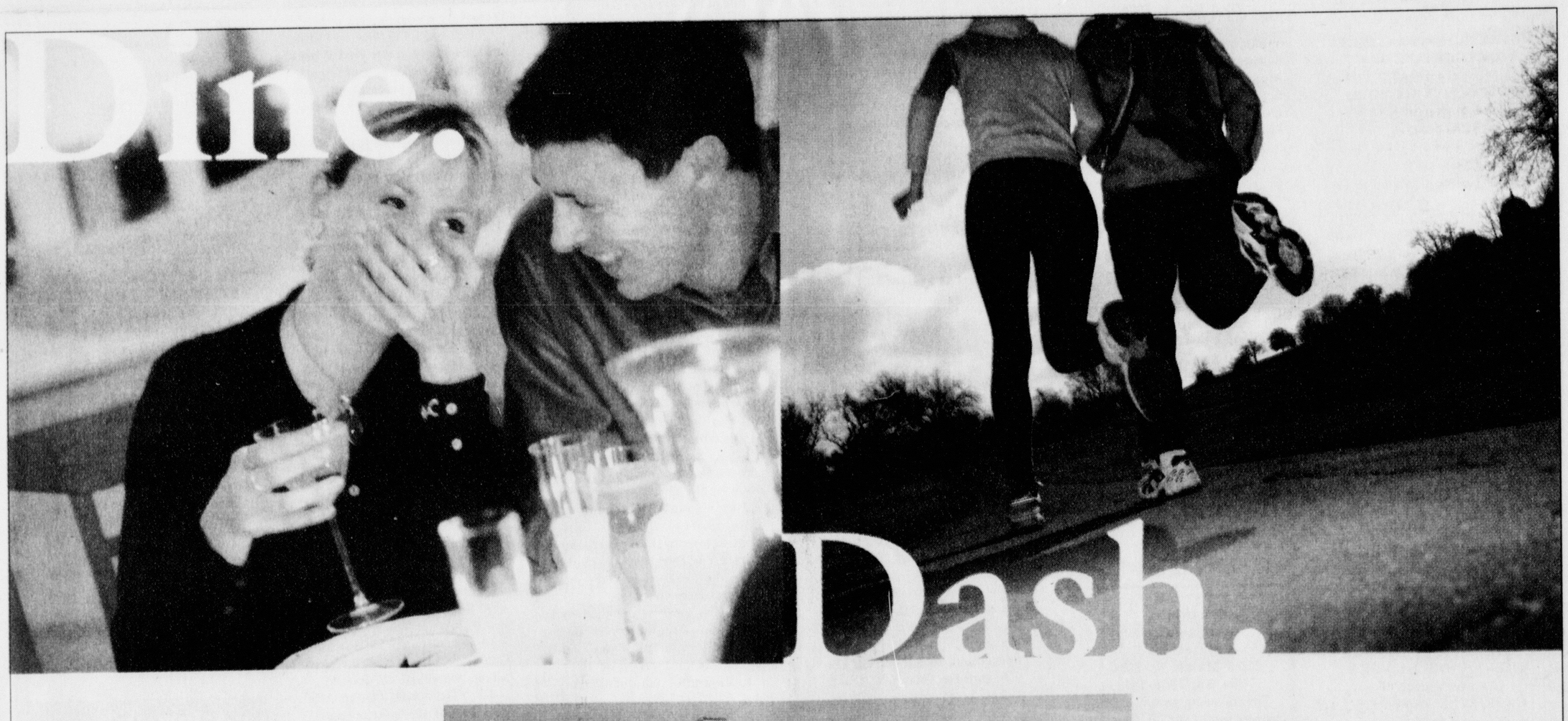

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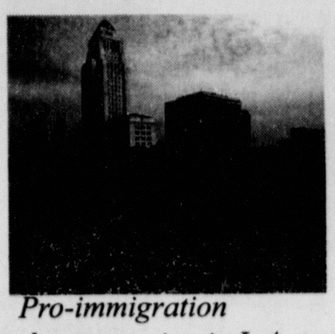


Pro-immigration demonstration in L.A.

¡Sí se puede! (We can do it!)

Immigrant supporters march against the H.R. 4437

By Lucy Mendoza
Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, March 25, thousands of people – from babies in strollers to their grandparents who could barely walk - gathered together in West Sacramento at the Union Hall on Fourth Street in honor of labor union leader Cesar Chavez to demonstrate against the proposed anti-immigration bill H.R. 4437. This House Resolution passed by the United States Congress proposes to make it a felony to be an illegal immigrant and to charge anyone who helps them in any way with a felony, including employment.

The protestors began their march in West Sacramento proudly holding thousands of Mexican flags and occasional U.S. flags, along with posters of Mexican revolutionaries Che Guevara, Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata. Bolstering up banners that read, "We didn't cross the border, the border crossed us," they walked to the West Sacramento City Hall before heading for the state capitol and finally coming to a rest at the Cesar Chavez Park in Downtown, Sacramento. There, a deep and rousing pro-immigration and anti-Bush speech was given. Every now and then, the speaker would get the crowd going by chanting "¡Sí se puede!" meaning, "We can do it!"

Since then, there have been hundreds of thousands of pro-immigration demonstrators all across the nation, gathering from New York to Los Angeles, rallying for the immigrant community's rights to stay in the U.S., to work and attend school – not to be labeled a criminal.

"I have family here who work seven days a week, long back-breaking hours and don't live luxurious lives – they're not here as criminals; they're here because they wanted to give us [their children] a chance to prosper and be something that they could only dream of being in Mexico," commented senior Jessica Martinez. "Not only that, my best friend has a sister who is 12 years-old and, according to the government, she is a criminal because she was born in Mexico; it doesn't matter if she's been here since she was six months old."

Because a large percentage of Latino high school students in the United States are first-generation born, huge masses of them are participating in walkouts. On March 27, tens of thousands of students walked out of their high schools as an indication for what's to come if legislators pass H.R. 4437.

At Huntington Park High School, officials were forced to close the gates to their school to prevent students from walking out. In spite of the barrier, the adolescents climbed over the chain fence and joined the demonstrators in the immense rally to support the rights of the immigrant community.

Before Congress ended its session in December, the House of Representatives voted and passed a bill that would make being an illegal immigrant a felony in the United States. The bill also proposed that a wall to further separate the Mexico-U.S. border be constructed to increase national security.

In response to the recent pro-immigration protests that began in March to honor of labor union leader Cesar Chavez, the U.S. Senate proposed a revision of the immigration law that would "provide lawful employment to millions of undocumented workers while offering work visas to hundreds of thousands of new immigrants each year." The House of Representatives and Senate, however, are having a difficult time finding a compromise between the two proposed bills, making it seemingly impossible to draw closer to a resolution.

This Monday will be a defining moment for immigration supporters. May 1 is recognized as a National Latino Boycott Day, according to National Public Radio (NPR). On this day, no Latino is to show up for work, attend school, shop or leave their home to illustrate that without Latinos, this country would be economically devastated.

"It'll be very surreal not seeing any Latinos for a whole day, like in that movie 'A Day Without A Mexican'," commented senior Jennifer Corrales.

Seniors petition school board

Seniors who failed CAHSEE want to walk

By Samantha Kuechler
Associate News Editor

Several seniors who had not passed the California High School Exit Exam petitioned the Washington Unified School District School Board last month. The seniors urged board members to allow students who had failed the CAHSEE, but met all other graduation requirements, to walk across the stage and receive their high school diploma on June 7.

The board listened carefully to the concerns that R.C. seniors and their parents presented. After consideration, the Board voted to require seniors to meet district requirements and pass the CAHSEE. Board members explained to parents and students that it is important for all students to pass both the district's graduation requirements and the CAHSEE in order to receive a diploma and participate in the graduation ceremonies.

Currently, 302 seniors are on track to graduate. Only ten River City High School students still need to pass the CAHSEE. Special education students received an exemption from passing the exam when Governor Schwarzeneggar signed a bill into law, delaying the CAHSEE requirements for one year.

Diane Askew, special education department chair, explained that there should be standards that all students strive to meet, but she doesn't think that standards should be "one size fits all." There are advanced placement classes for more accelerated students. All students are not expected to reach the standards for those students.

Students come to River City with a variety of strengths, weaknesses, talents and abilities. Some have special challenges that interfere with their ability to be able to achieve at some preset level. "These students should not be punished for having challenges that were not of their making," states Mrs. Askew.

The ten seniors who have not passed the CAHSEE will have one final opportunity to take and pass the exam in May. The results will not be reported back in time for students to know whether or not they met the graduation requirements in order to walk with their graduating class. These seniors, however, can submit an appeal to the Washington Unified School District Board.

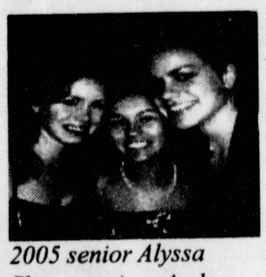
Hard Rockin' at Prom

2006 prom held at Hard Rock Café

By Desirae Guevara
News Editor

Arriving at the Hard-Rock Café, on the Downtown K Street Mall in Sacramento, 356 students were dressed in their finest attire ready to have the time of their high school life at the Junior and Senior Prom. The event was held last Friday, April 21.

As students arrived at the restaurant, the lights were glistening and red carpet was rolled out for the 2006 prom, reminiscent of the theme, a "Red Carpet Affair."



2005 senior Alyssa Share, seniors Andrea Kaine and Ally West

Inside, prom-goers mingled and chatted as cameras flashed snapshots of teens in their once in a life time glamorous ensemble.

Because the Hard-Rock Café was the site for both dinner and dancing, people were quickly ushered through a buffet style dinner line. Some people wanted a more formal event. Senior Kelly Hitchcock mentioned, "I didn't like the food. A burger and chicken just is not prom food, but driving in the limo with my boyfriend, David, was fun."

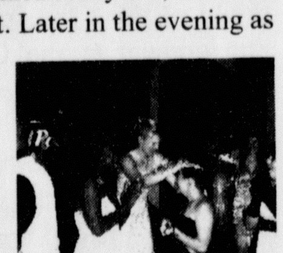
Senior Kelly Hitchcock and junior David Ortiz

After dinner prom-goers wondered around the K Street Mall and moved cars to avoid parking costs, while the restaurant was transformed into a dance club. People stared at all the students walking around the mall in their formal wear and as girls held up their long dresses to ride up and down the escalator. Senior Ben Garcia said, "It was fun walking around having people look at us dressed up."

Quickly upon returning to the Hard Rock Café, the prom king and queen were announced along with the prince and princess. John Shofner was selected king and Caitlin Paige queen. The prince and princess were Sammy Escamilla and Ana Medina.

Top: Prince Sammy Escamilla, King John Shofner Bottom: Princess Ana Medina, Queen Caitlin Paige

The two dance floors were crowded during the first two hours, but the upper level remained really hot, crowded and crackin' all night. Later in the evening as people left, it was easier to dance and mingle. The lower dance floor had fewer people on it all evening.



Queen Paige being crowned

The Hard Rock Café was chosen to provide a different experience than previous proms. "I think the Hard Rock Café is great, different and it fit the theme. It was absolutely perfect," stated junior advisor Michelle Mejia-Hays.

Project RC²: Math Analysis students design roller coasters

By Lucy Mendoza
Editor-in-Chief

Today, the final practice lab for the 4th annual R.C. roller coaster contest will be held during River City High School's open house in the library. Math department chair Carol Higgins coordinates the competition among Math Analysis students.

During the final practice lab this evening, students will build a roller coaster out of K'NEX using only their knowledge of mathematics and physics along with construction skills, which is guided by specific regulations set forth by Paramount's Great America. The top four coasters then advance to Paramount's Great America annual roller coaster contest on May 19, which will be attended by all R.C. Math Analysis students.

Requirements for this year's students include 30 seconds of track time and four loops. Mrs. Higgins holds two labs each year to help students prepare for the contest. "The purpose of the labs was to show the analysis students how math and the laws of physics apply to everything," explains Mrs. Higgins.

Graduation ceremony:

Wednesday, June 7

By Lucy Mendoza
Editor-in-Chief

This year, River City's graduation will be held at Raley Field on the evening of Wednesday, June 7. When *The Review* went to print, the time had not been set.

Due to baseball games already scheduled for June 8 and June 9 at Raley Field, River City had the option to hold the graduation ceremony on June 7 or use another venue. Once the River Cats' schedule was finalized, school officials secured Raley Field for R.C.'s graduation. River City High School began holding its graduation ceremony at Raley Field in 2002.

Yolo Continuation High School is holding its graduation on the same evening at the Crest Theatre in Downtown, Sacramento.

While the schools are holding graduation ceremonies on the same evening, R.C. interim principal Mr. Himes and Mr. Geivett, principal of Yolo High School, are working to resolve any potential conflicts.

River City seniors and their families are looking forward to a fun filled evening at Raley Field. The evening will begin with several speeches by school dignitaries and students followed by the senor procession across the stage. The evening will end with fireworks.

R.C. elects class officers

By Desirae Guevara
News Editor

River City High School student body elected the 2006-07 student body leadership last month. Amy Smith was elected senior class president, Monica Bizallion was voted in as vice president, Allison Ruvalcaba was elected secretary and Aaron Aguilar will serve as class treasurer.

The junior class elected Chris Brewer as its president, Halley Schaff for vice president, Elizabeth Montez will serve as secretary and the class treasurer has not been yet announced.

The sophomore class voted for Julie Saetern as its class president, Lindsey Davis as vice president, Valerie Saechin for secretary and Shannon Poteet will be class treasurer.

The job of class president is to supervise, prepare, plan and execute all class activities.

The job of class vice president is to assist the president with the supervision of class activities. The class secretary participates in the planning of all ASB or class events, creates bulletin announcements to publicize class events and places orders for all class merchandise. The class treasurer develops and carries out fundraising activities for their class and meets with other treasurers as the "Finance Committee."

The Senior Associated Student Body (ASB) also held its leadership elections. Lauren Yeargin was elected ASB president, Chelsea Adams will serve as vice president, Sophia Goytia was voted secretary and Chantel Nugent was elected treasurer.

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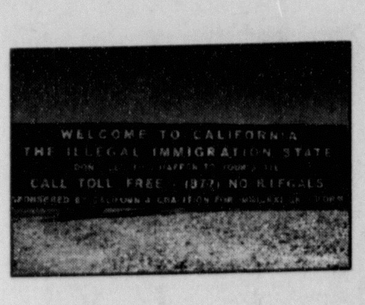

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Immigration:
Land of the free or land of the felons

Sign cautioning drivers to be aware of families crossing roads in San Diego, CA

By April Rink
Opinions Editor

Not only has the weather flooded us with unpredictable rain, but also the issue surrounding the flow of immigrants has hit the United States like an immense storm. Since the celebration of the holiday, Cesar Chavez Day, many immigrants have been on a march, protesting and demanding the right to be citizens.

The protests were sparked around the country when the House of Representatives passed an anti-immigration bill last December. In response, the Senate Judiciary committee passed a bipartisan measure to allow illegal immigrants who are currently in the United States to stay and would open the way for more immigrants to serve as guest workers.

When people think of immigrants, the stereotypical image of Mexicans crossing the border to take low-paying jobs arises. Is it really bad that people wish to come to America to work? America functions because of the work that immigrants are willing to do for low money and no benefits. The Pew Hispanic Research Center estimates that illegal migrants perform 24 percent of all farm jobs, 17 percent of cleaning jobs and 27 percent of butchery jobs.

Immigrants are accused of taking all of the jobs. Some people believe Americans are out of jobs or being paid less because immigrant employees are willing to work for less. Some taxpayers also are in an uproar believing that they are paying taxes for people who are here illegally and in need of special services. Distrust between the Republicans and the Democrats has made it difficult for legislators to compromise on legislation to resolve issues like border security, new guest worker programs and a streamlined path to gain citizenship.

People have strong opinions regarding immigration. "We need to send a message," says Thomas D. Gear (R-Hampton, Virginia) who is sponsoring the bill to deny illegal immigrants access to public colleges and universities. "If they come in legally, glad to have you. If not, we don't need them in the country. Go back." Conversely, many of these young people that Gear wants to deny an education came to the United States years ago with their parents. They attended public school and earned admission to college. Should these teens be penalized for their parents' decisions to seek a better life?

A national day of action and a rally for immigrant rights was held across the nation on April 10. This day was for America to recognize itself as a nation of immigrants. Massive rallies were organized to protest against House Resolution 4437 and to stop the attacks against immigrants and stop laws that would make being in the United States illegally a felony. The marchers and protestors demanded comprehensive immigration reform to include family reunification measures, workers' protections, rights for immigrants and a path to citizenship-not a temporary guest worker program.

The biggest call to action on behalf of immigrants' rights will be held on May 1 in cities throughout the nation. "The Gran Paro Americano 2006" or "The Great American Boycott" and the "Un dia sin immigrante" or "A day without an immigrant" will take place on this date. Participants in the walk will wear a white t-shirt to demonstrate their support for the strike.

Immigrants come to America, the free land, to escape the hardships and poverty that they experience in their country. How are they greeted? With racist comments and bills that make them criminals and then kick them out of a country founded on immigrants.

Drug free society: can it ever be?

By Jennifer Ben
Staff Writer and Cartoonist

With St. Patrick's Day celebration, spring break activities and the observance of April 20 (known by some as national pot smoking day) passed, River City High School administrators, teachers and staff members had several opportunities to practice their newly acquired drug symptom recognition skills.

In January, seventeen River City school employees participated in a three-day Drug Abuse Recognition (DAR) program to learn the Influence Recognition Identification System (IRIS). This training helps officials recognize drug and alcohol use in school settings.

The DAR program is one of many attempts to deter students across the nation from using alcohol and illegal drugs. One has to ask if these attempts are successful in hindering substance use and why it is important to deal with student substance abuse.

It may not seem like a big deal for students to light up a joint or take a few swigs of alcohol, but R.C. vice principal Paul Preston has a different opinion stating, "Students don't have the right to enter a school under the influence of a substance," which can range from alcohol to methamphetamines.

As stated under the Students Rights and Responsibilities section of the Student Agenda, students have the right to learn in a safe environment. A person under the influence "is considered to be a danger to himself and to others," says Preston.

Therefore, administrators and teachers try to curb students from using drugs and alcohol in an effort to protect them, as was the case on April 20 when officials correctly observed the signs of drug use among a few students. One student was sent to the hospital with a possible overdose and another was arrested for selling drugs on campus.

Besides the training the R.C. staff underwent, there are also other measures used to deter student substance use that include counseling, advertisements and propaganda such as Red-Ribbon Week. Also, legislators continue to pass anti-drug legislation. But do these measures actually help stop drug use?

According to the 2005 Monitoring the Future Survey, the trends of drug use by high school students in America has dropped for the sixth year in a row. The decline is attributed to anti-drug advertisements and other anti-drug measures.

2005 Monitoring the Future Survey
According to the survey high school students who use drugs have a greater likelihood of abusing drugs in their lifetime.

Grade	Drug use	Alcohol use
10th	38.2 %	63.2 %
12th	50.4%	75.1%

However, according to the same survey 38.2 percent of 10th graders and 50.4 percent of 12th graders who use drugs have a propensity to abuse drugs later in their lifetime. Also 63.2 and 75.1 percent of 10th and 12th graders, respectively, are likely to abuse alcohol in their lifetime. This shows that progress can and has been made, but more has to be done, which includes River City High School.

According to Preston, the DAR training has been effective at River City High School. Staff is more accurately identifying students who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which was evident last week on April 20.

It is commendable that administrators, teachers and others are working with students trying hard to protect them from substance abuse. However, more needs to done to reach the goal of a drug-free student body.

It will take more than commercials and observing Red Ribbon Week once a year to eliminate drug and alcohol use among teens. It will take responsibility, understanding and work from both adults and students to reach such a lofty goal.

Jennifer Ben, Cartoonist

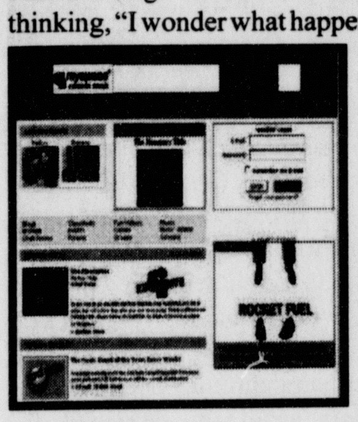
FEATURES

Myspacers on the rise
Myspace becomes new trend among teens

By Lucy Mendoza
Editor-in-Chief

Picture this…Maria hasn't seen her friend, Kevin, since the third grade. He was her first BIG crush, and the day Kevin moved away her poor little eight-year-old heart was broken!

Nine years have passed and now Maria's a senior in high school. She still finds herself thinking, "I wonder what happened to Kevin?"



Is there any way to find Kevin, Maria wonders.

Thanks to Myspace.com, Maria can search for her long-lost love, given that Kevin has a Myspace. Because there are approximately 54 million Myspace users, and increasing every day, the chances of Maria finding Kevin are pretty good.

Myspace has become the new trend in American pop culture. As a social-networking website, Myspace gives its members the chance to create personal profiles and reconnect with those who they lost touch with years ago. People can use Myspace instant messenger can catch up on old times and share pictures with one another as well. Myspace users, however, are not limited to contacting old buddies. Members can also connect with friends and family and meet new people.

The website allows members to "pimp their Myspace" by designing it however they desire. "It lets people show their individuality, have fun and be creative," comments sophomore Anisa Adhmazi.

"Myspacing," as some have come to call browsing the site, is a popular way for teens and young adults to spend their leisure time. When people are myspacing, they can search for another person's profile, send their friends comments or messages or add people to their "friends list." The things a person could do on Myspace seem endless, which is why there have been cases in which students completely disregard their homework. They're "addicted" to Myspace. "Before, when my computer worked, I would pretty much spend the whole day on Myspace. I barely did any of my homework and ended up either failing or receiving barely-passing grades," said sophomore Vicky Martinez.

While Myspace seems like a new and fun way to communicate with friends, it does have its dangers.

Myspace users have access to all other members' profiles with the exception of younger members. And though the Terms of Use Agreement states that people must be 14-year-old of age to be a member, younger kids are joining. The agreement also specifies that Myspace "profiles may not include the following items: telephone numbers, street addresses, last names, and any photographs containing nudity, or obscene lewd, excessively violent, harassing, sexually explicit or otherwise objectionable subject matter. It is easy, however, for unknown individuals to gain access to other members' Myspace profiles. The risk of being stalked by a sexual predator via the Internet is still a nation-wide concern and there is a greater that a pedophile will use Myspace to lure kids and teens into meeting them in person. While the Myspace website prohibits illegal and offensive material from being posted, the Terms of Usage Agreement reads, "Myspace.com is not responsible for the conduct whether online or offline, of any User of the Services."

In one case, an R.C. senior started receiving sexually inviting messages from a 25-year-old man, who was not her Myspace friend. In one message, the man attempted to lure her in by telling her that he would provide alcoholic beverages. After continued harassment on Myspace, the senior finally sent a clear message to the 25-year-old, warning him to "stop sending her messages or else he would have to suffer the consequences." Since then, the messages stopped. This senior handled the situation and was lucky.

Spring fashion scene sizzles

By Debbie Ferguson
Staff Writer

It's time to throw those Ugg boots and puffy jackets in the back of your closet until next year. It is spring fashion season. Shorts, t-shirts, flip-flops and bikinis are all the rage at the department stores.

Stores have placed all of their winter attire and dark fall colors on the clearance rack. They are now displaying brightly colored spring outfits, and a variety of light colors mannequins all around the store.

But it's not just the colors that change during the transition from winter to spring. The length of clothes change as well. Pants become shorts, long sleeves become t-shirts and tennis shoes become flip-flops.

One popular style is clothing that is easy to put together. For girls, another popular style is the bohemian look from the 1960's, best known as the "boho" style. This look usually consists of long, flowing skirts, a tank top, or a fitted t-shirt, flip-flops and big, chunky necklaces. This look can be found almost anywhere. It is very easy to spot.

Another vogue item of clothing for girls is the "layered" look. Girls wear a normal t-shirt with a colorful longer tank top under their t-shirt. Mini skirts are also hot items, especially when wearing leggins underneath them. This trend can be done without buying any new clothes, just tanks and mini's.

Style is not just for the women. Guys can take part in style as well. Their pants also become shorts, and nowadays flip-flops are even popular for the guys.

One popular style for guys is the "surfer dude style." This style involves shorts, a t-shirt and flip-flops, which the Southern California surfers have popularized. Pac Sun, a popular, nationwide surf clothing store, is a major distributor of this attire.

A different look for guys is the preppy spring fashion, which consists of Polo's, jeans and tennis shoes, which makes this style a must. This look should not be confused with the preppy 1980's look; this modern style is looser and more comfortable. Many stores carry this line of fashion from Abercrombie and Fitch to American Eagle.

However, guys should know that extremely loose or "baggy" clothing is out. It is not stylish to have your pants around your knees, as seen in the movie, "Clueless." The baggy pants went out in the 1990's.

While there is pressure to wear popular, hip cloths, it's best to stick to your own style. Always be yourself and wear clothing that promotes confidence. Sticking to comfortable, stylish clothing is always your best bet.

Senior AVID class achieves college dream

By Jaymi Appleberry
Features Editor

In the eleventh hour of their high school experience, many ambitious students throughout the Washington Unified School District are contemplating the next phase of their academic careers. Their dreams of attending one of California's preferred universities will become a vivid reality in large part to the River City AVID program.

Ninety-five percent of River City's senior AVID students received admission to some of the most sought out universities in California. Eighteen of the nineteen seniors enrolled in the AVID class earned admission to four-year universities. Several students were admitted to a variety of University of California campuses. Three of the ten R.C. seniors offered admission to the prestigious UC Berkley were AVID students. AVID seniors also were accepted to California State Universities up and down the state as well as Ivy League universities like Stanford and St. Mary's College.

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, has been prolific, serving over 122,000 students in almost 2,300 middle schools and high schools all over the country. The program's main focus is to help students who may not have the resources at home to attend college. The AVID program helps students by "assisting them with college applications, researching scholarships, study skills and character education," stated senior AVID teacher Jamie King.

To qualify for the program, a student must fit one of the following criteria: be the first generation to attend college, be an under represented population, have a low income background or exceptional circumstances, King added.

The AVID program began in 1980 when the Federal Government imposed an order upon the San Diego School system to desegregate its schools. Large numbers of inner city students were bused into the suburban schools. Pondering over the decision of how these students were going to succeed in a high academic environment, Mary Catherine Swanson, head of the English department at Clairemont High School, sparked the inception of the AVID program.

The elective class holds its students accountable to the highest academic and social standards while providing support.

March and April R.C. students of the month

By Joti Bandhu
Staff Writer

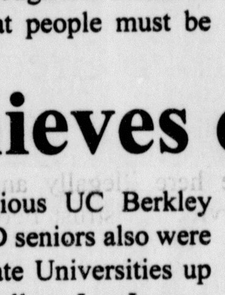
Senior Jacob Geivett, junior Monica Bizallion, sophomore Elizabeth Montez and freshman Tejal Praful were selected students of the month in March. Seniors Lizzy Lynch and Francisco Martinez, junior Chelsie Vasquez, sophomore Yelena Ionova and freshman Vincent Gonzalez were voted River City students of the month in April.

March students of the month

Jacob Geivett

Senior Jacob Geivett is one of the most active students on River City High School campus. He is an avid golfer, serves on many after school committees and was a leadership member for three years. His favorite subject is English. Geivett achieved a great accomplishment last summer when he took and passed English 300, College Composition, at Sacramento City College to ensure he could attend California State University Chico. He says taking a college course was different because there were more support groups available. "I also made new friends, and I learned things about myself and struggles that I've faced," stated Geivett. In the next five to ten years Geivett sees himself as a Kindergarten teacher.

Junior Monica Bizallion is quite involved with school activities. Bizallion is involved in ASB leadership, Avid class secretary and participates in the Relay for Life to raise money for cancer patients. Bizallion was elected class vice president for the 2006-07 school year. She plays on the R.C. Varsity Softball team and has been playing softball for thirteen years. Bizallion plans on going to college. Bizallion stated, "It feels good being student of the month because it's good to know that my teachers recognize me."



Monica Bizallion

Elizabeth Montez

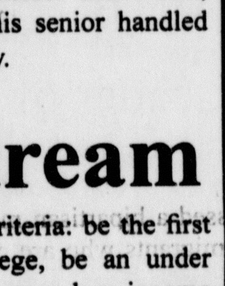
Elizabeth Montez of the sophomore class is involved in cheerleading and leadership. She has been cheerleading for four years and plans to continue cheering until her senior year. Her favorite subject is science. Montez said, "It feels exciting to be student of the month."

Freshman Tejal Praful is taking AVID to prepare her for college. Her favorite subject is math. Praful plans to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout high school, so she can attend the college of her choice. "I'm very honored that my teachers nominated me for student of the month," stated Praful.

Tejal Praful

April students of the month

Senior Lizzy Lynch says, "It feels good to be recognized for my accomplishments." Lynch is involved in the music department, taking both the Piano and Symphonic Band class. Her favorite subject is music class. Until her senior year, Lynch also was a French Club member. She enjoys school and says, "Throughout my years in high school, I've tried to always work my hardest because it all pays off." Lynch plans to attend Sacramento City College next year to build her musical talent.

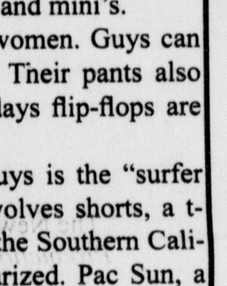


Lizzy Lynch

Francisco Martinez

Francisco Martinez has gotten his grove and is doing quite well academically. As a super senior, Martinez is showing perseverance and commitment to finishing his high school education. He enjoys music and is taking piano class. Martinez was unavailable for comment when *The Review* went to print.

Junior Chelsie Vasquez has progressively taken more difficult classes in high school, moving up from College Preparatory English in 9th grade to Honors English. Vasquez also is active in school. She is the Student Life Section Editor and Sports Co-editor of the River City High School Yearbook, where she covers student activities such as prom and spirit week as well as sporting events. "Vasquez has been instrumental in helping to create a dynamic Student Life and Sports Section for the yearbook. She is outgoing and greatly respected by her classmate," commented yearbook advisor Shannon Woods. Vasquez also works part-time for IKEA.



Chelsie Vasquez

Sophomore Yelena Ionova recently celebrated winning second place in the Lyons Club Speech Contest. Ionova is taking rigorous coursework in high school, which includes Honors English and Chemistry as well as AP European History. Additionally, Ionova plays for the River City Varsity Tennis Team. "Yelena works hard at everything she does," says English teacher Heather King. Ionova moved to the United States from Russia when she was eleven years old.

Yelena Ionova

Freshmen Vincent Gonzales has made academic improvement since the beginning of the school year. Gonzales was unavailable for comment when *The Review* went to print.

Vincent Gonzales

Scholarships awarded to student-athletes

By Andrea Kaine
Sports & Activities Editor

Most athletes' dream is to receive a sports scholarship and be an aspiring college athlete before playing professional sports. For three River City athletes, this dream is soon to be reality. Seniors Alyssa Reyes, Calvin Langford and Lauren Ruvalcaba have been offered the chance to play basketball, baseball and soccer, respectively, at four-year universities on scholarships.

There are many ways that student-athletes can make themselves known to college scouts. These include showcases, tournaments and high-ranking statistics.

Alyssa Reyes

A showcase is when athletes from all over join together to play with and against one another for a tournament. It is a time for college scouts to see different players that they may be interested in recruiting for their school.

There are also multiple websites where recruiters help athletes make themselves known to colleges. Student-athletes fill out a form on the website in order to get recognition from college scouts. The websites also describe certain attributes that scouts look for in an athlete as well as different tournaments and showcases where athletes can participate. A few of these sites are:

·www.college-athletic-scholarships.com
·www.collegesportsscholarships.com
·www.athleticscholarships.net
·www.sports-ed.com.

Athletic scholarships are not solely based on the athletic ability of the student-athlete. An athlete's grade point average as well as their ACT or SAT scores play a crucial role.

Colleges also are interested in the athletes' attitude. A good attitude is extremely important in a team sport. It helps the teammates be encouraged and not give up as well as make the atmosphere more enjoyable. "Once you get to college and you play at a higher level, the only thing that helps you stand out is your attitude," stated head varsity girls' soccer coach Cory Clonce.

Lauren Ruvalcaba

According to www.athleticscholarships.net, there are over 600 colleges offering sports scholarships. There are thousands of scholarships for each sport including: football, basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, tennis, track and field, wrestling, cross-country, water polo and bowling.

Alyssa Reyes is receiving a $1,500 scholarship to play women's basketball at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. Reyes was contacted by Coach David Covell and has signed a letter of intent to play next season. Coach Jamie King states, "She is an intense competitor who will sacrifice her body for the team. She is receptive to coaching and is demanding and supportive of her teammates."

Reyes maintains a 4.0 GPA and is active in AVID. She advises other athletes to, "Participate in showcases, work hard and send video tapes out to coaches. If the coach does not contact you, then contact them."

Lauren Ruvalcaba is receiving a partial scholarship to play soccer at Cal Poly Pomona in Southern California. "I signed a national letter of intent in February, which ensures me a spot on the team and lets other colleges know that I am no longer able to be scouted," stated Ruvalcaba, who plans to accept the offer from Cal Poly and will leave for camp on August 1.

Ruvalcaba maintains a 3.9 GPA and also is active in the AVID program. "She is the first female soccer player from River City to sign with a four-year university on a scholarship," declared coach Clonce.

Langford signed a letter of intent with Bethany College, a private university in Santa Cruz, to play baseball on a scholarship for $2,500. The baseball coach at Bethany contacted Langford through telephone and e-mail. "The next level of competition will make it more difficult, but something for me to try and accomplish," said Langford. He currently has a batting average of .500.

Calvin Langford

Unfortunately, due to events with the team, Bethany College is canceling their baseball program for next season. Because of this, Langford's offer has been withdrawn, leaving him in the dark about where to attend school. He currently is looking into Simpson University, a private college in Redding, to play baseball and is hoping to secure another scholarship.

Coaches' Corner

By Alex Griffin
Staff Writer

Here is the spring sport's season updates. Find out when their upcoming games are and go support them.

Baseball: Coach Scott Seffens started off the season with 13 players. The team currently has a 12-2 record after a 6-5 victory against Dixon. They are hoping to make the playoffs.

Softball: Coach Staci Hatz kept 12 players on Varsity, and 13 players on JV to start the softball season. Varsity defeated Woodland Christian High School 5-0. Tiffany Pina was 2 for 3, and Nancijane Carolipio had two RBI's. Maria Cabrera struck out 12 in the win.

The JV team was defeated by Pleasant Grove. Their record is 7 and 6. "We should have a strong team barring injury, which we are dealing with already," states Coach Staci Hatz. One player is out with an ankle injury; a second re-injured her ankle in a PE class. Another has a chronic condition, which can flare up at any time and knocks her out for a week. They have another player who is trying to return from a serious knee injury.

Girls' Soccer: Despite the fact that several of last year's players did not return, Coach Cory Clonce's varsity soccer team has a good turn out of players this year that will compete in conference. The core returners Lauren and Allison Ruvalcaba are leading the way. The team's record is 3-3-3.

Tennis: Coach Dave Brooks started off the season with 62 students and kept 58. After a 6-3 lost to Vanden, they are 9 and 1 in the Capital Valley Conference (CVC) and 14 and 2 overall after a loss to Mira Loma on Monday. They are currently tied for first place with Vanden.

Swimming: Coach Char Ghio kept 30 students for the swimming team. They finished their league with a 5-1 record last week. Their one lose was to R.C.'s rival Dixon. They go on to CVC Championships Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29.

Golf: Coach Jon West kept six members on the golf team. The team has a 4-6 record after their win against Highlands.

RC Winter Sports Stats

The final season records for River City's winter sporting events are as follows:

Boys' Basketball -
Varsity: 13 wins; 13 losses

Girls' Basketball -
Varsity: 12 wins; 15 losses

Wrestling -
Team: 1 win; 9 losses

Rotary on R.C. campus

By Lucy Mendoza
Editor-in-Chief

"What should we do for Easter?" asks senior Michael Soto, president of River City Interact Club. All of a sudden, several students begin talking all at once, suggesting a variety of fundraisers for Interact Club to perform during the month of April.

The fifteen members of Interact, give or take, come together two times a month during early and late lunch on Thursdays to discuss new ways to help raise money for several humanitarian projects. This, however, would not have been possible without the support of Rotary Club, which first introducing this new club to the R.C. campus.

Sponsored by the West Sacramento Rotarians, the Interact Club, a community-service based organization, performs many of the same activities as Key Club, another humanitarian effort club on campus.

Members of Interact, along with Rotarian Advisor Tom Galeazzi, are currently working with an organization called "Meals on Wheels," a service that delivers food to people who have difficulty leaving their home.

In addition to that, the club also is preparing for its "Night at the Races," put on by the West Sacramento Rotary. It will be held on April 29 at Our Lady of Grace in West Sacramento. It is a popular way for the Rotarians to fundraise.

All students are welcome to attend the River City Interact Club if interested in being a part of the organization and taking part in humanitarian projects. Meetings are held during early and late lunch every first and third Thursday of the month. Next meeting: May 1 in room 105.

Musical interlinks community

Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Story

By Andrea Kaine
Sports & Activities Editor

The River City Music and Drama Departments in conjunction with the West Sacramento Community Theatre presented "Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Story" in March. The musical was based on the life of Ellie Greenwich, one of the most successful, premier songwriters of all time.

The production began with young Ellie Greenwich, played by senior Victoria Parks, who begins writing songs with an accordion at age fourteen.

Victoria Parks and Josiah Riwwchards in costume as Ellie Greenwich and Jeff Barry.

The musical then progresses a few years when Greenwich meets and marries Jeff Barry, played by Josiah Richards from the West Sacramento Community Theatre. The story continues through Greenwich's life in the 1980's. Tanya Norton from the West Sacramento Theatre plays grown up Ellie.

With only two months of rehearsal, the performers from River City and the West Sacramento Community Theatre came together in an amazing performance. Each person added his or her own spice to the musical to tie it all together.

The cast, directed by Brandon Duff and Cindy Schmidt, included: Victoria Parks as young Ellie, Josiah Richards as Jeff Barry, Tanya Norton as Rose, the grown up Ellie, Brandon Duff as Gus, Christiana Loew as Darlene Love, Meagan Morrison as Annie Golden, Cecily Ruiz as Jasmine, Davina Carlander as Shelly, Gail Stone as the waitress, Johnnie Fite as Kieth, Sabrina Gutierrez as Joey, Sarah Felix as Mickey, Teresa Beeding as Patti and Teresa Ma as Gina.

Dancers and singers, choreographed by Sarah Mankewich, included: Alterra Sanchez, Ashley Stom, Ben Garcia, Ceanne Brunton, Clarissa Hunley, Danielle Wagner, Jacqueline Lasell, Janae Peoples, Lindsey Davis, Samantha Gutierrez, Stephanie DeAnda and Tiffany Burkett.

The band, directed by Felicia Alleger, included: Keith Penny and Tanya Rybikov on piano, Justin Schwieger on guitar, Andrew Russell on bass, Kalen Hanson on drums and pit vocals by Freddy Diaz and Gabriella Carter.

Driven to physical perfection: The inside scoop on steroids

By Jacqueline Hooks
Staff Writer

Six-pack abs, ripped arms and defined calves. These are some aspects of a body that steroids help create.

There are many ways to alter the body's physique so people feel accepted in today's society. Excessive dieting, exercising in a gym and even plastic surgery help alter their bodies, but many people believe using steroids is the best way to get the "perfect body." Steroids appeal not only to weight lifters and athletes, but to teens as well. According to Coach Baker, River City football coach, "The lure of becoming bigger, faster and stronger is often too much for a young person to resist."

Teens are bombarded daily with images of fit, glamorous bodies. Teens see celebrities like Britney Spears and LL Cool J and professional athletes like Barry Bonds and Lebron James and are determined to look like these idols by any means necessary. However, according to RC basketball coach, Mr. Dennis, "The most common reason for steroid abuse is related to self-esteem issues."

Steroids are not only used by athletes, but by anyone who wants to expand and define their muscle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2003, 6.1 percent of high school students throughout the nation used steroids without a prescription one or more times, which means over one million kids in the United States are experimenting with steroids. "If teens are taking them, it is a problem," says R.C. basketball coach, Mr. Dennis.

There are many different types of steroids that build muscles. The main drug that people abuse today are anabolic steroids. Anabolic steroids are powerful drugs that people take to enhance physical performance and are primarily used by athletes. Anabolic steroids increase muscle tissue and body mass. Steroids can either be injected or taken orally.

Recently, many professional athletes have been caught using steroids or admitted to using them. Professional organizations, such as NFL, NCAA and the International Olympic Committee banned steroids and require athletes to take a test that detects enhancements in blood and urine. "Steroids defeat the purpose of competition and it gives people an edge that they shouldn't have," says River City school nurse, Carol Ferre.

Not only do famous athletes destroy their body by using steroids, but they also set bad examples for young athletes who aspire to be like them. "Honestly, I would take them if they didn't hurt me," says athlete Sammy Escamilla. Unfortunately, they do hurt your body. Steroids should not be used unless prescribed by a doctor for medical purposes.

"I consider steroid users to be cheaters. To me, they are no different than any other drug abuser," states Coach Baker. "They are dangerous and provide an unfair advantage to the user. People should train and compete on an equal plane," Coach Baker further states.

There are many people who use steroids, however, the majority of professional athletes have proven that using enhancements is not a necessity in order for them to excel in their field. Lance Armstrong is a great example. He survived brain and testicular cancer surgery, which has a 50 percent chance of surviving. After recovery, Armstrong was willing to demonstrate his dedication to cycling by training the right way.

He has won the Tour de France, road racing cyclist competition, from 1999 to 2005. Armstrong has never used steroids and is living proof that people don't need steroids to succeed.

Although steroids are capable of boosting fitness levels tremendously, using them isn't the right way to get fit.

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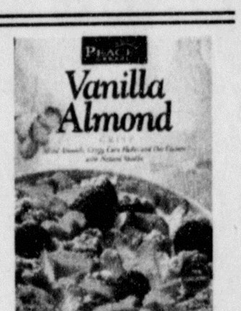

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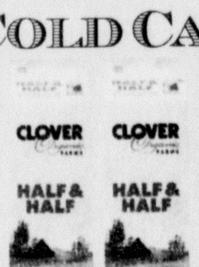

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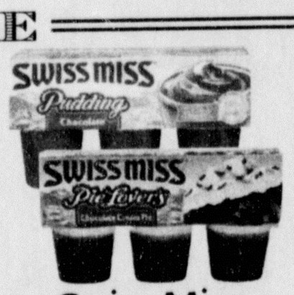

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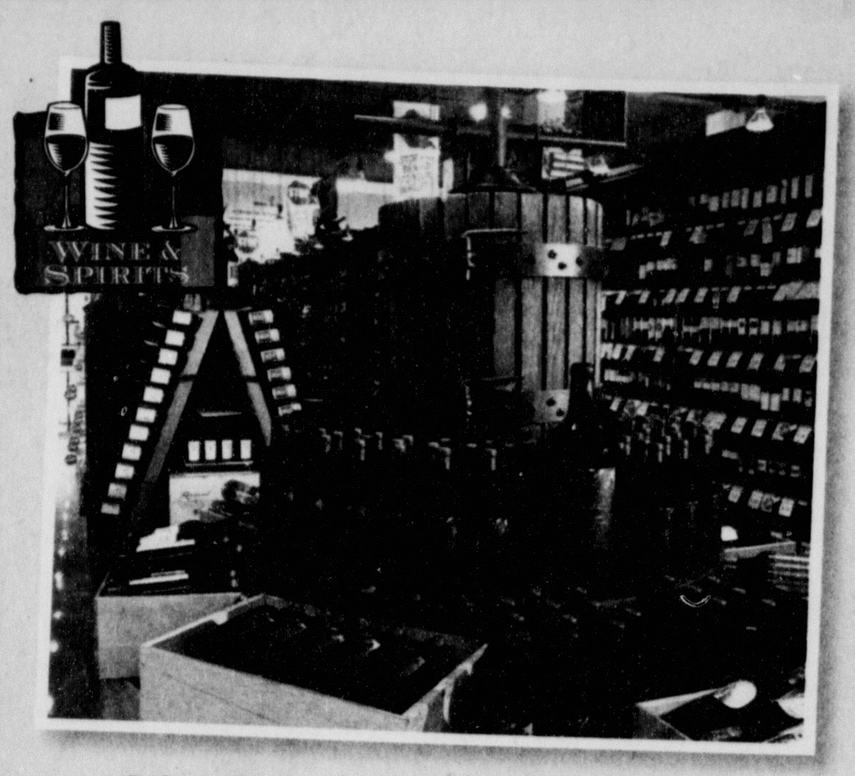

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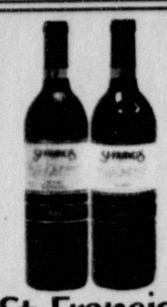

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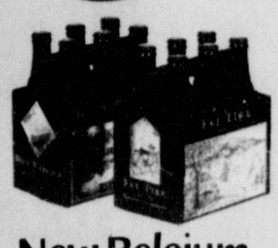

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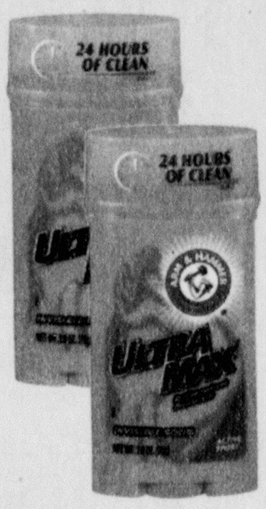

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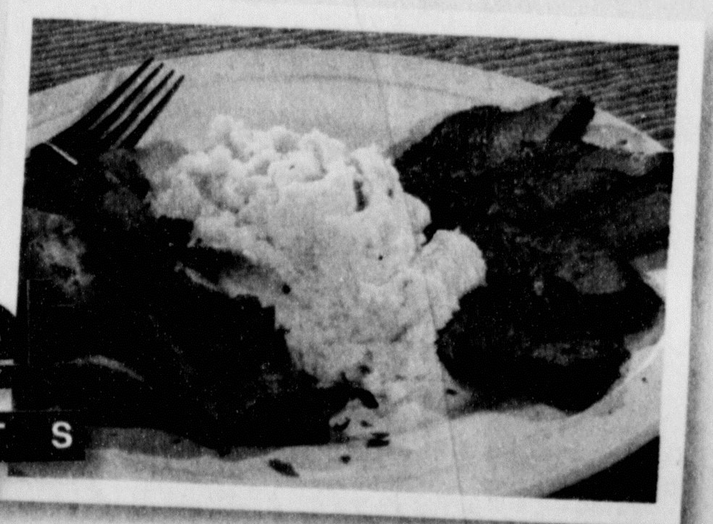

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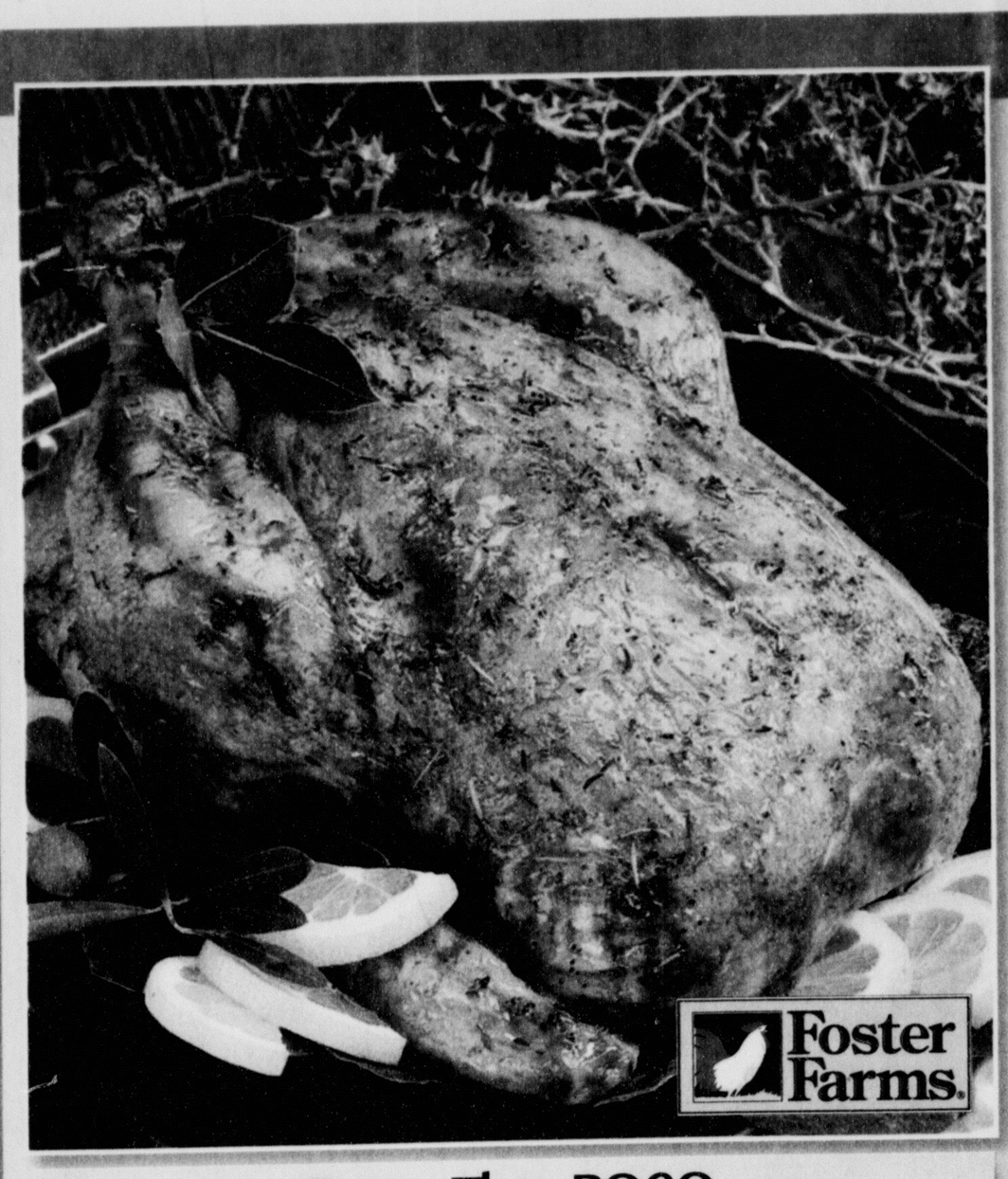

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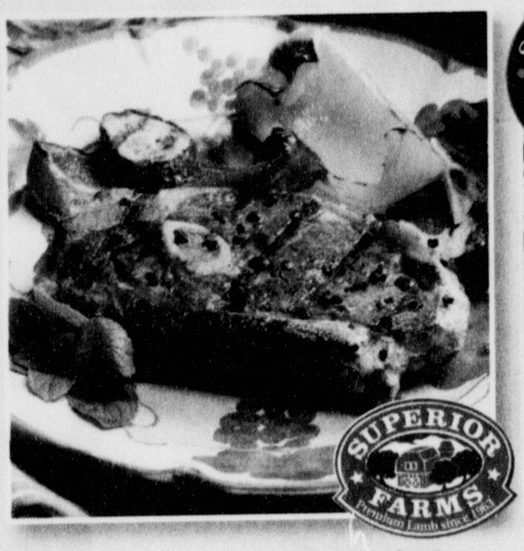

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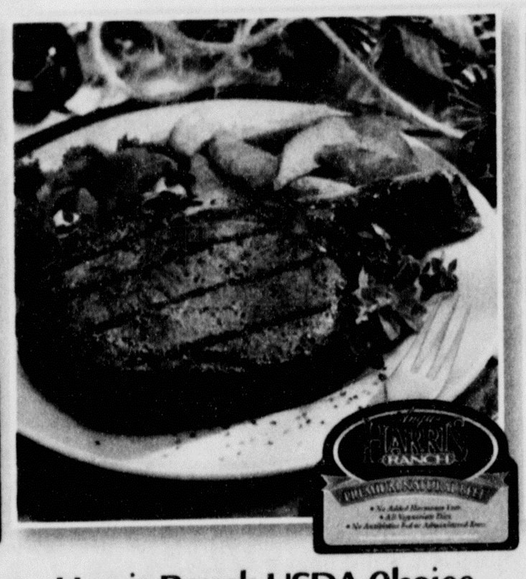

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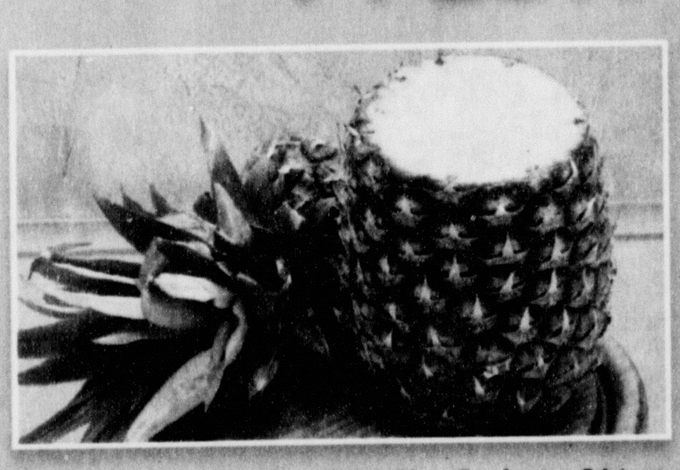

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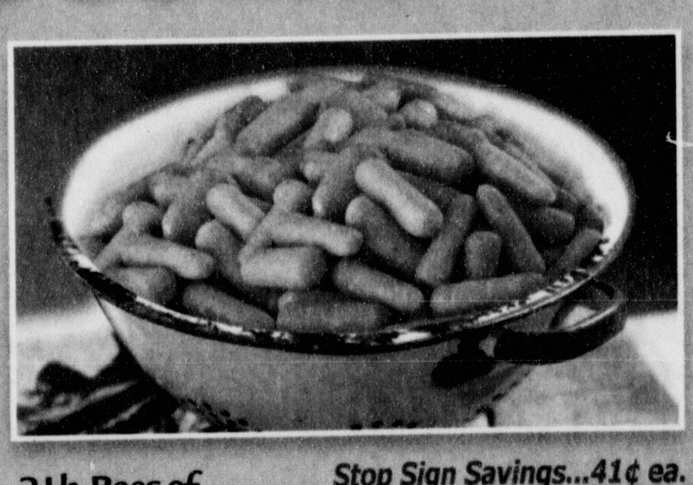

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